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Take a peek inside and check out the **104th Fighter Wing Special Section** and the latest issue of **Travel & Living**.

### LONGMEADOW

#### Hall of fame toy executive dies at 86

George R. Ditomassi, former chairman of Milton Bradley Co. and chief operating officer at Hasbro, died May 31. He was 86.

The Holyoke native spent four decades at Milton Bradley before and after Hasbro bought the company in 1984.

Ditomassi was named to the Toy Industry Association Hall of Fame in 2004.

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### SPRINGFIELD

#### Rave for your faves in annual online poll

Last year was a testament to the resilience and creativity of communities everywhere, as well as local businesses and business owners.

Now is the time to show appreciation, and rave for your faves by voting for the best of the best for Reader Raves 2022. Voting begins today can be completed online at **readerraves.com** through 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 1.

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### BOSTON

## Model of success

New England pacing US with low COVID cases, high vaccination rates

By PHILIP MARCELO  
Associated Press

For Dr. Jeremy Faust, the moment he realized the pandemic no longer dominated his workday came Memorial Day weekend, when he didn't see one coronavirus case over two shifts in the emergency room at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Kerry LaBarbera, an ER nurse at Boston Medical Center, had a similar realization that same week-

end, when just two patients with COVID-19 came through her unit, one of the busiest in New England.

"The past year and a half has been like going through a tornado or something terrible," she said. "You're holding on for dear life, and then you get past it and it's like, 'What just happened?'"

Massachusetts and the rest of New England — the most heavily vaccinated region in the U.S. — are giving the rest of the country a possible glimpse of the future if more Americans get their shots.

COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths in the region have been steadily dropping as more than 60%

of residents in all six states have received at least one dose of the vaccine.

The Deep South states of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, in comparison, are the least vaccinated at around 35%, and new cases relative to the population are generally running higher there than in most of New England. Nationally, about 50% of Americans have received at least one shot.

In Massachusetts, health officials this past week determined that none of the state's cities and towns are at high risk for the spread of COVID-19 for the first time since they started issuing weekly assessments last August.

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Dr. Katherine Gergen Barnett, of Boston Medical Center, says there's "definitely a bit of an exhale happening" regarding COVID cases in the region. (JOSH REYNOLDS / ASSOCIATED PRESS)

### HOLYOKE

## In shadow of abuse, 'shame, hopelessness'

5 decades later, victim gratified abuser ID'd

By STEPHANIE BARRY  
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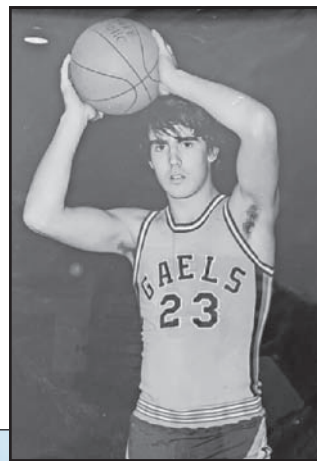
By most accounts, Fran O'Connell seemed to have the world at his feet as a teen in the 1970s. But on one evening, he found himself holding his father's gun to his temple.

At 14 years old, O'Connell was a brute of a boy. He stood over 6 feet tall and was a dominant athlete at Holyoke Catholic High School. He came from a large, Irish-Catholic family.

A natural leader, he was the kid who organized neighborhood kickball and pick-up games. He turned his fair share of heads among his female classmates. His dad was among the Holyoke Police Department brass, serving as chief for a time.

These factors combined offered O'Connell a solid pedigree in a working-class city that valued family and faith — and applauded his thunder on

SEE ABUSE, PAGE A4



"The bait and hook was set right there at 14 years of age. I thought: 'If a guy as smart as Bob Hosmer was paying this much attention to me, I must be really special.'"

Fran O'Connell

Fran O'Connell was a star basketball player at the former Holyoke Catholic High School during the 1970s. He is shown here during the 1975-76 season.



It was while a student at Holyoke Catholic that Fran O'Connell says he was sexually abused by a theology teacher, Robert E. Hosmer Jr. Hosmer is identified by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield as a lay staff member against whom credible claims of abuse have been leveled. (O'CONNELL FAMILY PHOTO)

Shop foreman Gene Surprenant puts the finishing touches on a wooden pallet at New England Pallets & Skids in Ludlow on Wednesday. For more photos, visit **MassLive.com**. (DON TREEGER / THE REPUBLICAN)



### LUDLOW

## Pallet industry is on the skids

Shipping staple in short supply after COVID shutdowns

By JIM KINNEY  
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The coronavirus pandemic manias for online shopping and home renovations, cou-

pled with disrupted production at lumber mills and trouble hiring workers, have the pallet industry on the skids.

Shipping pallets — those ubiquitous wooden platforms used to hold goods so they can be picked up with a forklift — used to cost \$8 apiece.

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"I SEE THE COVID-19 VACCINES AS A MEDICAL MIRACLE

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- Dr. Amanda Westlake, Physician at Baystate Mason Square Neighborhood Health Center & Infectious Disease Specialist

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LOTTERIES

MASS. DAILY NUMBERS			MASS CASH	
Saturday, June 5			June 5	Not available
	Mid Day	Evening	June 4	13-17-20-26-30
	2120	NA	June 3	8-11-20-29-30
Exact order			MEGABUCKS	
All 4	\$4.065	NA	June 5	Not available
First or last 3	\$569	NA	Doubler: NA	
Any 2	\$49	NA	Estimated jackpot: \$1.8 million	
Any 1	\$5	NA	June 2	16-24-28-30-45-46
Any order			Doubler: 5	
All 4	\$339	NA	LUCKY FOR LIFE	
First 3	\$190	NA	June 3	11-19-22-29-48
Last 3	\$95	NA	Lucky Ball: 6	
Previous numbers drawn			May 31	2-19-28-31-47
Friday	7052	6001	Lucky Ball: 9	
Thursday	9931	8396	POWERBALL	
Wednesday	3927	4154	June 5	Not available
Tuesday	3459	6173	Powerball: NA; Power Play: NA	
Monday	2294	9661	Estimated jackpot: \$286 million	
Sunday	1496	7549	June 2	6-7-11-66-67
MEGA MILLIONS			Powerball: 19; Power Play: 3	
June 4	4-30-34-41-64			
Megaball: 8; Megaplier: 3				
June 1	7-11-33-58-63			
Megaball: 23; Megaplier: 2				

TODAY’S OBITUARIES

Listed by name, these obituaries can be found in today’s paper. You may view these obituaries and sign the guest book at [masslive.com/obituaries](https://masslive.com/obituaries).

- Allen, Maureen

Barnhart, Philip

Bowen, III, Harry

Canning, Francis

Collins, Mary

Ditomassi Jr., George

Dulude, William

Hastie Okai, Mary Jane

Hay, Jayne

Ide, Lorraine
- Kealey, Eva-Jeanne

Marek, Wayne J

McGowan, Christopher

Moreau, Rachelle

O’Brien, Sr., Victor

Paul, Wilfred

Sullivan, Jr., John

Webber, Irene

Zurowski, Walter R.

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CRIES & WHISPERS

Halston’s undoing?

The new Netflix series “Halston,” starring **Ewan McGregor**, gives an inside look to the iconic fashion designer of the 1970s and 1980s and received mixed reviews in its first week of airing on the video streaming service.

Some may say the deal in which Halston sold his company to corporate giant Norton Simon and out of which evolved a mainstream fashion line with JCPenney hastened the designer’s downfall. Therein comes the Western Massachusetts connection to the five-episode docudrama.



BILL PULLMAN

Norton Simon’s **David Mahoney**, portrayed by **Bill Pullman**, wooed and won Halston and, in the end, had to tell the designer there was nothing left. Some may remember Pullman on screen from “Independence Day,” “While You Were Sleeping,” “Spaceballs” and “Sleepless in Seattle.” Others may remember him from his time at the University of Massachusetts Amherst where he earned a master of fine arts degree in directing in 1980.

It was while at UMass that Pullman also met his wife, **Tamara Hurwitz**, when they were cast in a theater department play as husband and wife. “And then, by gosh, we’re married with three kids,” he told The Republican in an interview in 2001. The couple has been married since 1987.

Pullman was awarded an honorary doctorate in Amherst at the 2008 commencement. He also appeared in TV ads back in 2006 that pitched UMass degrees as “something to be proud of.”

Dining out

**Sir Paul McCartney** recently sampled the culinary delights of noted chef **Tyler Anderson** of Millwright’s Restaurant and Tavern in Simsbury, Connecticut.



PAUL MCCARTNEY

Where Anderson cooked for the former Beatle must remain a mystery because of security concerns, according to a Facebook posting, which included a photo of Anderson with McCartney holding a plate of chocolate cake in one hand and a fork in the other.

The chef noted, “We got to cook for some royalty tonight!!”

Anderson, who was named Connecticut Chef of the Year in 2014, has been nominated for the James Beard Best Chef Northeast award six years in a



Children’s book authors and illustrators Jeanne Birdsall and Jane Dyer have published a collaboration, “Teaflot & Roog Make a Mess.” The duo, who also happen to be neighbors in Northampton, participated in a recent virtual event for South Hadley’s Odyssey Bookshop. Birdsall wrote the story, while Dyer created the needle-felted characters. Seen here, left to right, are Jane Dyer, Phineas Dyer, Cooper Birdsall, Jeanne Birdsall and Fergus Birdsall. (JEANNE BIRDSALL PHOTO)

row. He was a contestant on Season 15 of “Top Chef,” and appeared on episodes of “Chopped” and “Beat Bobby Flay.”

The British rocker is no stranger to the Northeast. He has homes in New York and been known to ski Bromley Mountain in Peru, Vermont.

Fore! in Chicopee

**State Rep. Joseph Wagner**, D-Chicopee, knows the lay of the land in more ways than one when it comes to the Chicopee River Business Park.

At the recent unveiling of plans for the \$22 million new headquarters of the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, Wagner made note of how he knew the parcel well because his father had been a member of the Oxford Country Club back in the day.



JOSEPH WAGNER

He also shared how he was front-and-center in the 1980s while working as aide to **Mayor Joseph Chessey** when groundwork was laid for creation of the industrial park.

Oxford was one of the oldest golf courses in the United States, first organized in 1889 from what had been mostly farmland owned by the Warner family, according to historian Stephen Jendrysik. In the 1920s, the club began a relationship with Chicopee’s famed A.G. Spalding & Brothers, which used the course to test its golf balls and which brought the club’s first resident profes-

Pallets

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Now they cost \$12, and the price is headed up again, said Cynthia Kawie, the office manager in charge of sales and purchasing at New England Pallets and Skids in Ludlow.

“Lack of lumber, for one,” Kawie said of the cause. “We use nails and lumber.”

Lumber prices nearly tripled this spring, climbing 180%, with builders and lumberyards reporting shortages of commodities like 2-by-4-inch framing lumber and plywood sheets hard to come by at any price.

And Kawie said her nail suppliers are telling her they can’t get their hands on steel. “People call me all the time looking for prices,” she said. “I say the same thing: If my competitor is supplying your pallets, I don’t know what you are paying. But I’m not going to be any cheaper.”

In Chicopee, Day Lumber owner Matt Grodd said companies that wouldn’t return his cold-call sales pitches before this summer are now after him for pallets. But he’s no longer taking on new customers.

“We just don’t have material for new customers because we are focusing on our core customer base,” Grodd said. “Its commodities — the lumber market is crazy, the scrap metal market is crazy. Steel, copper, it’s all crazy.”

At the same time, more online shopping means more shipping.

“Demand for pallets has gone crazy,” he said.

It’s a national issue, but a local market, he said. Because of shipping costs he rarely takes on customers more than 90 miles away.



William Bracero oversees a machine creating wooden pallets that are constructed at New England Pallets & Skids in Ludlow. Lumber prices nearly tripled this spring, climbing 180%, with builders and lumberyards reporting shortages. (DON TREEGER / THE REPUBLICAN)

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Matt Grodd, owner, Day Lumber in Chicopee

Demand for pallets was growing steadily even before the explosion of online shopping. Virginia Tech researchers said the industry made 513 million new wooden pallets in 2016, up from 411 million a decade earlier.

Used pallets or rental pallets can’t keep up with today’s demand either, because used pallet companies can’t get lumber to make repairs.

Production delays at lumber mills combined with high demand for home construction materials is driving up the prices for lumber, Grodd said. That means wood and mill capacity are being put toward making construction lumber, and less is allocated for low-grade pallet wood.

While Grodd said he tries to buy locally, much of his supply comes from mills in the American South or West or Canada.

“The material comes in, we

make pallets and it moves out the door,” Grodd said. “I used to have a warehouse.”

The National Association of Home Builders has called on the Biden administration to get a softwood trade deal with Canada to ease supply. Reporting by CNN Business points to the lingering effects of Trump-era tariffs as part of the problem.

Kawie said COVID-19 rules were tougher in Canada. Workers whose names came up in contact tracing had to stay home, not just people who tested positive. She expects the lumber shortage to linger. Many mills, including domestic ones, shut down or cut back production in the summer for required equipment maintenance.

At pallet maker Springfield Lumber in West Springfield, production manager Rick St. Jean said he has to be very careful when quoting prices

for customers.

“If I don’t have materials in the yard, I have to look if we need it or can we get it,” he said.

He said production is three to six weeks behind schedule.

Springfield Lumber makes specialized pallets and crates designed to meet the needs of high-end manufacturers. One of its crates that used to sell for \$300 is now \$800.

“Like passing the buck when you are going to tank up your car,” he said.

It’s not just manufacturers. The trade group United Fresh Produce Association warns that farmers will have trouble getting pallets and wooden crates for shipping produce from the summer and fall harvest. The trade group specifically cited watermelons, bulky as they are sweet, as an issue.

Labor is also an issue. But St. Jean said he recently added three employees to a staff of 14.

“We are just starting to get help back,” he said.

Kawie said retaining employees during COVID-19 cost money as well, driving up costs.



# “We will remember and honor his selfless devotion to Worcester and his ultimate sacrifice to save someone he didn’t know.”

STEVEN SARGENT, WORCESTER POLICE CHIEF DISCUSSING OFFICER ENMANUEL “MANNY” FAMILIA



The body of fallen Worcester Police Officer Enmanuel “Manny” Familia was escorted from the hospital to the medical examiner’s office. On Friday, Familia drowned at Green Hill Park while trying to save a 14-year-old boy, who also died.

(MELISSA HANSON / MASSLIVE.COM)

WESTFIELD

# Body of fallen officer escorted to medical examiner

Man died trying to save teen from drowning

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In 2016, as Enmanuel “Manny” Familia was joining the Worcester Police Department,



in a video he thanked the academy staff for helping him prepare to be a better officer and offered a special message of gratitude to his wife, Jennifer, and two children, Jovan and Jayla.

“If it wasn’t for them, I don’t know what I’d be doing at this point in time,” Familia said in the video. “They motivated me. They stuck by me throughout the past six months.”

But now, Familia’s career has been cut short and his family is left grieving. Familia died in the line of duty Friday, trying to save a drowning 14-year-old boy in the pond at Green Hill Park. The teen also died.

Yesterday, the Worcester Police Department escorted Familia’s body from UMass Memorial Medical Center to the office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Westfield.

Sunlight streamed down as police cruisers and motorcycles led the procession down Plantation Street as members of Worcester EMS lined the road. The Massachusetts State

Worcester officials said information about a memorial fund and services for Familia would be forthcoming. Familia, 38, had been with the department for five years.

Police Air Wing hovered in the air.

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Police rushed to Green Hill Park at 1:35 p.m. Friday after receiving a report of a person struggling in the water there. Five officers went into the pond and were able to pull two individuals out.

But Familia was missing, as was the 14-year-old boy, who had been in the center of the pond and reaching his arm up.

Family members have identified the boy as Troy Love, who was visiting Worcester with family from Virginia.

Divers brought Familia to shore at 2:28 p.m. Love was found at 3:25 p.m. Both were taken to the hospital and pronounced dead.

Police Chief Steven Sargent has called Familia a hero.

“We will remember and honor his selfless devotion to Worcester and his ultimate sacrifice to save someone he didn’t know,” Sargent said Friday.

# COVID

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In Rhode Island, coronavirus hospitalizations have hit their lowest levels in about eight months. New Hampshire is averaging about a death a week after peaking at about 12 a day during the virus’s winter surge. And Vermont, the most heavily vaccinated state in the U.S. at more than 70%, went more than two weeks without a single reported coronavirus death.

“It’s an incredible change over such a short period of time,” said Dr. Tim Lahey, an infectious disease physician at the University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington.

Public health experts say the rest of the country could take some cues from New England as President Joe Biden pushes to get at least one vaccine dose into 70% of American adults by July 4, dangling the promise of free beer and other goodies.

One thing the region appears to have done right: It was generally slower than other parts of the country to expand vaccine eligibility and instead concentrated more on reaching vulnerable groups of people, said Dr. Thomas Frieden, a former Centers for Disease Control and Prevention director under President Barack Obama.

MASSACHUSETTS CORONAVIRUS CASE TRACKER

Deaths	Tested	Positives	US deaths	US positives
17,544	23,135,076	662,028	597,295	33,352,532

Last update: June 5, 2021 | Sources: Massachusetts Department of Public Health; Johns Hopkins University  
Note: After today, The Republican will publish the coronavirus tracker once a week on Thursdays.

New England leaders for the most part also embraced the recommendations of public health experts over economic priorities throughout the pandemic, said Dr. Albert Ko, who chairs the epidemiology department at the Yale School of Public Health in New Haven, Connecticut.

That parts of the region were among the hardest hit in the early days of the outbreak also played a significant role. “We really went through it in those early moments,” Ko said. “That’s left a big imprint on the population generally.”

To be sure, some of the improvements in COVID-19 numbers can be attributed to warmer weather that is allowing New Englanders to socially distance outdoors more, experts say.

States such as California and Nebraska are also doing as well as if not better than some New England states when it comes to new cases relative to population. And racial disparities in vaccinations persist in the region, as they do in many other corners of the country.

In a series of tweets last

weekend, Dr. Ashish Jha, dean of Brown University’s School of Public Health in Providence, Rhode Island, contrasted the relatively low vaccination rates in Springfield, Massachusetts, one of the region’s largest, poorest and most racially diverse cities, with the near-complete vaccination of Newton, an affluent, largely white Boston suburb.

“So if you are in a high vaccination state, your job is not done,” Jha wrote. “Because across America, there are too

many people and communities for whom vaccines still remain out of reach.”

Nationwide, new coronavirus cases are down to about 15,000 per day on average, while deaths have plummeted to around 430 a day — levels not seen since late March 2020, during the very early stages of the crisis. The overall U.S. death toll is just short of 600,000.

Even with cases down dramatically, New England hospitals are in many ways

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# Abuse

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the basketball court and foot-ball field.

But on that night, he took his father’s revolver down from a shelf, emptying the bullets onto a bedspread one by one.

“I put the gun to my head and pulled the trigger, just to prove to myself I had a way out,” recalls O’Connell, now 62. “My plan was not to kill myself on that day. I just want-ed to convince myself I had an out.”

The kid who appeared to have it all had become trapped in what he describes as an abusive relationship with a teacher at Holyoke Catholic, he says.

O’Connell first met Robert Ellis Hosmer Jr. in 1973. He was a freshman at Holyoke Catholic, where Hosmer was a new theology teacher. Hosmer almost immediately began paying him special attention and playing to his insecurities, according to O’Connell.

“He treated me as more than just a ‘dumb jock,’” says O’Connell, speaking publicly for the first time about the abuse as Hosmer’s name was among a new list released by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield on Wednesday of 40 clergy and laity credibly accused of sexual molesta-tion.



sophomore year, according to O’Connell. It began with hugging and an occasional kiss on the cheek, or the neck. They exchanged “I love yous.” Hosmer began critiquing his young charge’s friends, girlfriends and even O’Connell’s father. The tough cop didn’t see his son as a whole person, the teacher opined. His friends were not up to snuff, nor were his girl-friends, Hosmer sniffed. Only he understood O’Connell’s true self, he told the boy.

Hosmer lived with his parents in West Springfield at the time, according to O’Con-nell. One night, O’Connell alleges, Hosmer invited the teen to his home for dinner. As O’Connell got up to leave, Hosmer pressed him against the wall, kissed him deeply on the mouth and thrust his hand down the front of O’Connell’s pants.

“My whole body became corpse-like, rigid. I just shut down. I got in my car and took back roads all the way home. On the way, I acciden-tally ran over a cat, and I felt nothing. I was just complete-ly numb,” O’Connell remem-bers.

The physical relationship went no further. Still, they continued what O’Connell called an “intimate relation-ship” after he graduated high school and went on to study nursing at Columbia Univer-sity in New York City. And, even after O’Connell married

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Robert DiTusa



home. O’Connell’s beloved aunt Rita was there, the true and early cultivator of her nephew’s love of literature and the language. She had given him a dictionary and a copy of Truman Capote’s “In Cold Blood” when he was a child.

O’Connell asked Hosmer if he remembered him. Of course he did, Hosmer responded, before launching into a story about how his mother was suffering from dementia.

O’Connell snapped. “I told him he had ruined my life. I yelled at him. He looked stunned. This man of words barely said a thing,” O’Connell recalls.

He didn’t physically harm Hosmer. But, O’Connell says, he wanted to. That was the last time O’Connell saw his alleged abuser.

For his part, Hosmer went on to be a professor at Smith College in Northampton. A spokeswoman for the pres-tigious Seven Sisters school

lecturer taught before Smith. The college administration consulted with its legal team at the time who advised no action on the college’s part. Twenty years later, this advice seems anachronistic and irresponsible,” read the statement, signed by college president Kathleen McCart-ney and Michael Thurston, professor of English language and literature.

Schmeidel said the wom-en’s college received no com-plaints about the professor, but said he will not be invited back to lecture. Hosmer did not respond to a request for comment.

The Springfield diocese in 2009 sent O’Connell a letter after he came forward with his allegations about Hosmer, deeming those accusations “credible.” It was three sen-tences long.

“We do understand how difficult this has been for you and wish you continuing strength on the road you are traveling,” reads the letter, signed by the then-chair-woman of the Diocesan Review Board.

O’Connell was interviewed by a state trooper in con-nection with his allegations against Hosmer in 2010, but the investigation apparently fizzled.

The Catholic diocese in 2011 established an initial list of clergy the diocese believed had been credibly abused of sexual abuse. Hosmer’s name did not appear on the list until now. For whatever reason, the diocese made the decision to exclude lay personnel until the list was revised this week. The diocese also added dozens of names of dead priests and religious order priests — tripling the length of the record. It rocketed from 21 to 61 names.

The new accounting also reveals O’Connell was not Hosmer’s only accuser.

Another man last year filed a lawsuit in Hampden Superior Court against Hosmer, the diocese and the Rev. Eugene Honan, who also worked at Holy-oke Catholic from 1972 to 1982. Both O’Connell and attorneys for the “John Doe” in the lawsuit say Honan

was informed of Hosmer’s abusive tendencies, but did nothing.

Laura Mangini and Robert DiTusa are Springfield attor-neys representing Doe in his lawsuit against the church.

“Here’s the thing about the Catholic church — you’re run-ning a high school and you’re put on notice that you have a predator who’s grooming and sexually abusing students, but you don’t do anything about it because you’re a bunch of hypocrites,” DiTusa said. “You’re valuing money, reputation and control over the health and well-being and safety of children.”

He added that Catholic school teachers and priests were not only authority figures, but “authority figures from God” in the eyes of the students and many of their parents.

Mangini and DiTusa said O’Connell’s story of bending under the control of the high-ly intelligent, charismatic Hosmer is a familiar one.

“I think we are going to find, as we dig deeper into the case, that Fran’s story is not entirely unique,” DiTusa said. “And I think people at the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield already know that.”

The diocese offered little in the way of a response, citing the ongoing litigation.

“While we are unable to comment on specific litiga-tion, our goal is to always try to settle these matters rather than litigate. For a variety of reasons that is not always possible. But even as a lawsuit proceeds, we remain open to providing a fair settlement,” said Carolee McGrath, spokeswoman for the diocese.

Honan was mostly removed from public ministry in 2010, and also features on

the diocese’s list as having abused an adult man. That man, Robert Koske, of South Hadley, gave an interview to The Republican in 2018. He says Honan plied him with booze and raped him while he was a handyman at a rec-tory in Northampton where Honan resided in the 1990s. Koske sued the diocese and received a \$20,000 settle-ment in 2013.

O’Connell has no plans to sue the diocese and says he’s gratified Hosmer’s name was finally added to the public list of abusive clergy and lay personnel. Diocesan officials have vowed to make that inventory “a truly living document.”

O’Connell has remarried, is semi-retired and recently welcomed his first grandson. These days, he splits his time between his family farm in New Hampshire and a winter home in Puerto Rico. He lost a brother, also a Holyoke po-lice officer, to suicide in 2016. He says he has made amends with his first wife, Anne. He has told her often that he wishes he had been a better man and a better husband when they were married.

Of his history with Hosmer, he expects it may be diffi-cult for many to fathom why he didn’t, or couldn’t, cut ties earlier with his former teacher.

“Not a lot of people are going to understand how a grown man would stay in a relationship with an abusive predator as long as I did. But survivors of sexual abuse know this already; they know the shame, hopelessness and embarrassment. They know the collateral damage to rela-tionships. They’ll know all of it,” he says.

The lifelines, adds O’Con-nell, are those who see him and understand.

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To a blue-collar boy in the 1970s, Hosmer seemed learned and worldly. O’Con-nell kept an affinity for art and literature tight to the vest, lest it cut into his credibility as a “tough guy.” Hosmer tapped into that, however, nourishing an im-pressionable adolescent.

The teacher groomed him masterfully, paying O’Con-nell special attention in class, offering him after-school tu-toring and urging him to play the more high-brow game of tennis. He bought the boy a racket, tennis whites and ex-pensive sneakers. O’Connell’s high-top canvas Converse wouldn’t do. In his 20s at the time, Hosmer squired his student to museums and posh restaurants, schooling him on the proper use of silverware and suitable dinner attire.

“The bait and hook was set right there at 14 years of age. I thought: ‘If a guy as smart as Bob Hosmer was paying this much attention to me, I must be really special,’” says O’Connell, who went on to found a successful home nursing care business and run for mayor of Holyoke.

The grooming and seduc-tion escalated during his

his high-school sweetheart and the couple had three daughters.

Hosmer also regularly criti-cized Hosmer’s now-ex-wife. She wasn’t “good enough” for him, Hosmer argued, O’Con-nell says.

O’Connell is ashamed to say a part of him bought it. Today, he laments not treat-ing his ex well enough. In retrospect, he believes he was damaged goods.

“I was a shell of a person because of what was happen-ing. I was hiding in plain sight because I couldn’t bear for anyone to see me,” O’Con-nell says. “I was like a secret agent with a secret life.”

O’Connell’s father fell ill in the 1990s, and O’Connell, by then a nurse practitioner, began caring for him. It was only then that O’Connell says he realized Hosmer had been wrong about his father. The elder O’Connell did love his son. He was proud of him. O’Connell says it was this revelation that broke the spell his former teacher had over him.

Their contact fell off until 2007, when O’Connell en-counter-ed Hosmer by chance in the parking lot of a nursing

confirmed Hosmer joined the English Department there in 1989 and was promoted to senior lecturer in 2001. He retired on Dec. 31, 2016, with emeritus status, accord-ing to spokeswoman Stacey Schmeidel. Hosmer taught single courses in 2017, 2019 and 2020, she said.

Schmeidel also confirmed the college was informed of O’Connell’s allegations in 2001. O’Connell sent then-acting president John M. Connolly a letter detailing his experience with Hosmer, hoping to spare another young person. College offi-cials did exactly nothing.

In response to questions posed by a reporter with The Republican this week and in the wake of the list published by the diocese, the college posted a statement to its website Wednesday night:

“As soon as the college was notified of this list, we began a full review of the lecturer’s employment records. Included in those records is a 2001 letter from an individual to the college, alleging that this lecturer abused him in the 1970s when he was a student at the high school where the

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George R. Ditomassi, former chairman of Milton Bradley Co. and chief operating officer at Hasbro, died May 31. He was 86.

The Holyoke native spent four decades at Milton Bradley before and after Hasbro bought the company in 1984. The plant in East Longmeadow is still making toys and games, now owned by European conglomerate Cartamundi.

Ditomassi's tenure at Hasbro, his rivalry with fellow executive Al Verrecchia, and Hasbro's competition with Mattel were all chronicled in the 1998 book "Toy Wars" by journalist G. Wayne Miller.

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He graduated from what would become Holyoke Community College in 1954 and from the University of Massachusetts in 1957 and served in the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant. He graduated from the advanced manage-

ment program at Harvard University in 1980.

Ditomassi stayed active at UMass, serving as a member of the Chancellor's Executive Committee and later as a trustee of the UMass Foundation.

Henry Thomas III, a former chairman of the UMass board of trustees, remembered Ditomassi as a constant presence at UMass basketball and hockey games.

Thomas, president and CEO of the Urban League of

Springfield, also remembered Ditomassi's generosity when it came time to collect Christmas gifts for needy families each year.

Ditomassi joined Milton Bradley as a production trainee in 1960. In 1970, he became vice president of Milton Bradley and general manager of the Whiting Division. In 1982, he was elected to the company board of directors and in 1985 he was promoted to president. In 1990, he was named chairman of Milton Bradley and CEO of games and international for Hasbro.

He later served as CEO of Enesco, Shop at Home Co. and Summit America Television.

He served as chairman of the Western Massachusetts Children's Miracle Network,



George R. Ditomassi Jr. speaks at a University of Massachusetts event in 2015. The Longmeadow resident and longtime Milton Bradley executive died May 31 at age 86. (THE REPUBLICAN FILE PHOTO)

national chairman of the Child Welfare League of America, and corporate fundraising chairman of Ronald McDonald House of Springfield. Ditomassi also served as a director of the Business Friends of the Arts, as a member of the board of directors of the Basketball Hall

of Fame, a trustee at Springfield College, an incorporator of the Community United Way, a trustee of Baystate Medical Center, chairman of Westmass Area Development Corp., and an appointed member of the Inspector General Council of Massachusetts.

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## Cases

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busier than ever, as patients return in droves after postponing medical care for more than a year.

Dr. Katherine Gergen Barnett, head of the family medicine department at Boston Medical Center, said it has been "energizing" to reconnect with regular patients but also taxing, as many have a year's worth of mental trauma to work through, on top of their neglected physical ailments.

"There's definitely a little bit of exhale happening," she said. "We ran that marathon, but now there's this other long race ahead of us in terms of getting people back to healthy."

Paul Murphy, an emergency department nurse at Brigham and Women's, said some of his colleagues are feeling tired and burned out as frustrated patients can face wait times lasting hours these days. A hospital spokesperson stressed the median wait time is an hour or less.

Still, Murphy said it has been refreshing to step away from the work grind as the region comes back to life. Gone are the 50-hour-plus workweeks of the pandemic, with time now for his children's sports practices and other commitments, Murphy said.

Faust, the emergency physician at Brigham, said he clocked in nearly an entire day of guilt-free sleep recently, something he couldn't have dreamed of during the throes of the pandemic.

But like other health experts, he worries that the slowing pace of vaccinations could leave the nation vulnerable to newer virus mutations.

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Services and calling hours

**AMARAL, Anna Silva**  
Services on 6/3 at the Ludlow Funeral Home. Visiting hrs from 9-10:15AM, with a Liturgy at 11AM at St. Elizabeth's Church.

**ASSELIN, Wayne P.**  
Meet at St. Jerome Cemetery in Holyoke for burial on Tues., June 8, at 10 am. Following, all are welcome to a Celebration of Life at Summit View, Holyoke.

**BARNHART, Philip Holmes**  
The family will receive friends on Friday, June 11th, from 4-7pm at Forastiere Smith Funeral & Cremation, 220 N. Main St., East Longmeadow, MA. A service will follow at 7:00pm. Burial will be private

**BOWEN, III, Harry A.**  
Calling hrs on 6/7 from 4-7PM at the Agawam Funeral Home, Agawam. Services 6/14 at 9AM at the funeral home, followed by committal at 10AM. Mass Vets Cemetery

**COLLINS, Mary Bridget**  
Memorial service will take place on 6/12 at 1000pm at St. Mary's Church, Longmeadow, MA, with a reception to follow.

**DITOMASSI JR., George Robert**  
Wake Wed June 9, 4:00-7:00 PM, Forastiere Smith Funeral Home, 220 N. Main St. East Longmeadow. Thurs June 10, 10:00AM at the funeral home, 11:00AM at St. Mary's Parish, 519 Longmeadow St., Longmeadow. Burial Longmeadow Cemetery.

**ELLIS, Patricia L.**  
Funeral Mon. 8:30 am St. Pierre-Phaneuf Springfield Chapels (413-737-1177). Mass 10 am Mary, Mother of Hope Church, Springfield. Visiting Hours Sun. 2-5 pm. stpierrephaneuf.com

**FARMER, Florence M.**  
Wake Mon. 10-11AM. New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC, 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA. Service 11AM. Burial Oak Grove Cemetery. www.nefcc.net

**HASTIE OKAI, Mary Jane**  
Visiting hours are Tuesday, June 8th from 4:00-6:00pm, with a service at 6:00pm at Forastiere Smith, 220 N. Main Street, East Longmeadow. www.forastiere.com

**HERNANDEZ, Miguel A.**  
Calling hrs. Mon. 6/7, 10AM-12PM at Forastiere Funeral Home, 45 Locust St., Springfield w/ service beginning at 12PM. Burial Oak Grove Cemetery, Springfield.

**KEALEY, Eva-Jeanne**  
Calling hrs from 3-6PM on Tues. 6/8 at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, 61 South Rd, Enfield.

**MORNEAU, Helen Y.**  
Mass Mon(6/7) at 11:30AM at Holy Cross Church, with committal prayers to follow at MA Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. haleyfuneralservice.com

**OSOWSKI, June M**  
The Funeral Mass for June will be on Monday June 7th, 2021 at 11:30 AM in St. Joseph's National Catholic Church, Westfield. A Visiting hour will proceed the service from 10-11AM in the Firton-Adams Funeral Service 76 Broad Street Westfield, MA. Burial will follow in St. Josephs Cemetery, Westfield. www.firtonadams.com

**PAUL, Wilfred L.**  
Funeral Mass Tues. 9am Christ the King Church, Ludlow. No Visiting Hours at St. Pierre-Phaneuf Springfield Chapels (413-737-1177). stpierrephaneuf.com

**POWELL, David J.**  
Calling hour Tues June 8th from 12:30-1:30pm at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home followed by committal service at Mass Veteran's Cemetery at 2pm.

**SANTOS, Antonio Dos**  
Funeral Tues. June 8, 2021. Ludlow Funeral Home. Visiting hours Tues. 9:00-10:15 am at the funeral home. Mass in Our Lady of Fatima Parish 11:00am. Burial Island Pond Cemetery.

**SHEA, Francis J.**  
Memorial Mass Tuesday June 8, 2021 at 11AM at St. Cecilia Church, Wilbraham.

**SPANO, John Robert**  
Visiting Hours: Sun, 6/6, from 1-4PM at Sampson's Chapel of the Acres. Meet directly at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral on Mon, 6/7, at 10AM. Burial will follow in St. Michael's Cemetery

**ST. GERMAIN, Mary C.**  
Visiting hours will be held on Tuesday from 4-6:30PM followed by a Celebration of Life at 6:30PM in the Firton Adams FS, 76 Broad St. Westfield.

**SULLIVAN, JR., John L.**  
Calling Hours Sat., June 12th 12-2pm at Nowak Funeral & Cremation Services, 15 Ludlow Ave., Springfield

**THOMAS, Tommie Lee**  
Services Spring of Hope COGIC 35 Alden St. Mon. June 7, viewing 10:30am - 11:30am, service 11:30 Burial Oak Grove Cemetery.

**TROMBLEY, George H.**  
Calling hours Monday, from 10:15am-12:15pm at the Byron Keenan Funeral Home, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 1pm, in St. Patrick's Church, Springfield. Burial and military honors will follow at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main Street, Agawam

**VEDDA, Joseph Vincent**  
Visitation 11:30AM-1:30AM, Monday June 7, 2021, at Forastiere Smith Funeral & Cremation, East Longmeadow. Private burial.

**WARREN, Shirley Ann**  
Visiting: Sun. 6/6, 3-5pm, Ludlow F.H. Funeral serv. Mon, 6/7, 9am, St. Elizabeth Church, 191 Hubbard St., Ludlow. Burial Mass. Vet. Mem. Cem., Aga. 11am. www.ludlowfuneralhome.com

**WEBBER, Irene A.**  
Graveside service will be held 6/11 at 1:30 pm at Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Parker St., Springfield.

**WILLIAMS, Franklin**  
Celebration of Life Monday, June 7, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. with a service at 5:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge Pavilion at 440 Tiffany St., Springfield, MA.

Mary Bridget Collins 1928 - 2021



**NEEDHAM**  
Mary Bridget Collins (nee Donnelly), age 93, died in Needham, Massachusetts on April 14th, 2021 from natural causes, surrounded by her four children. Mary was born in 1928 and raised in Athleague, Roscommon, Ireland. She attended nursing school in London, becoming a nurse-midwife, and moving about the city on a bicycle, independently assisting in home births in the Lambeth Hospital section of London. She later moved to the United states and married Robert J. Collins, also known as Bob. They worked in Springfield, MA and raised their family in Longmeadow, MA where Mary lived until shortly before her death. Bob was an area business leader in Western MA and New England for over 25 years before his death in 1992, where he operated 23 independent stores and sat on various boards of directors. Mary was a big part of that success.

Mary was a faithful member of Saint Mary's Parish for over 50 years, an active member of the Parish Guild and a devoted member of the Marian Society. She held many volunteer positions during her life, including working with Brightside and the Sisters of Providence. She also taught English as a Second Language to immigrants in the Springfield area.

Mary is survived by her four children, Chatherine O'Flaherty (Anthony) of South Boston, MA, Margaret O'Sullivan (Morgan) of Connemara, Co. Galway Ireland, Brigid Collins Stewart (James) of Sag Harbor, NY and Andrew Collins (Kristen, nee Gariepy) of Needham, MA, her much loved half-sister, Maureen Malone of Quechee, Vermont, sister-in-law Kathleen Reilly of Wilton, CT, ten living grandchildren and one great grandchild. She is predeceased by her granddaughter, Kathryn Collins Stewart, and beloved husband Bob.

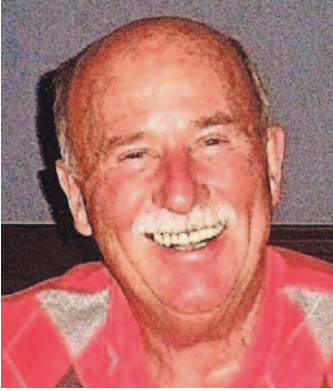
If desired, donations in Mary's name may be made in her granddaughter Katy's memory to:

Katy's Courage, www.katyscourage.org, P.O. Box 3251, Sag Harbor, NY 11963.

A public memorial service will take place on Saturday, June 12th, 1:00 in the afternoon at St. Mary's Church in Longmeadow, Massachusetts, with a reception to follow.

To share a memory or send a note of condolence, please visit www.eatonfuneralhomes.com.

Victor R. O'Brien, Sr. 1940 - 2020



**WILBRAHAM**  
Victor R. O'Brien, Sr., 80, of Wilbraham, died on April 5, 2020. Family and friends are invited to attend his Memorial Mass on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 4:00 PM at St. Cecilia Church, 42 Main St., Wilbraham. A committal with Military Honors will take place on Friday, June 11, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the MA Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Agawam. Wilbraham Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



Wilfred L. Paul 1940 - 2021



**LUDLOW**  
Wilfred L. "Willie" Paul, 80, of Ludlow, was Called Safely Home on Friday, May 14, 2021. He passed into Eternal Life at Encompass Health Care in Ludlow surrounded by the care and comfort of his loving family. He was born in Springfield on November 3, 1940, the beloved son of the late Roger M. and Hazel (St. Laurent) Paul. He was raised in Springfield and graduated from the High School of Commerce in Springfield where he played baseball and soccer. He had lived in Springfield for many years before moving to Ludlow in 1987. He served his country in the United States Army during the Berlin Air Lift as a machine gunner and attained the rank of Private First Class. He received the Berlin Army Occupation Medal. He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service for many years as a letter carrier in the East Springfield section of Springfield and retired in 1993. He was a communicant of Christ the King Church in Ludlow and also was a member of the Berlin United States Military Veteran's Association (BUSMVA). During his leisure time, he coached Little League 12-14 Baseball in Indian Orchard and at Van Horn Park in the Hungry Hill section of Springfield. He enjoyed long distance running, exercising and lifting weights. An active volunteer and donor, Willie supported many worldwide children's groups. He was a Red Cross volunteer, a Visiting Friend Volunteer with the local hospice in Westfield and a Meal on Wheels driver. An active member of the American Legion Post 438 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 625 both in Chicopee, he actively supported various wounded war veterans groups. Willie looked forward to spending time with his God and his parents, relatives and friends. He leaves his beloved Goddaughter, Paula Brault; his dear cousins, David Paul, Ann Cavanaugh, Judy Pepper, and Barbara Holloway; and his dear second cousins, Cindy Lord and Paul O'Donnell. His relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 9 a.m. at Christ the King Church, 41 Warsaw Avenue, Ludlow, MA 01056. His Committal Service with United States Army Military Honors will follow the Mass at 11 a.m. in the Chapel at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001. Please note that masks are required, social distancing must be observed and Church and cemetery attendance is limited due to state regulations. There are no visiting hours. His funeral arrangements are entrusted to the St. Pierre - Phaneuf Springfield Chapels, (413-737-1177), 7 Chapin Terrace, Springfield, MA 01107. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his memory to the Shriners Hospital for Children, (Please Specify Springfield), 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104. For more details and to leave his family condolence messages, please visit: www.stpierrephaneuf.com

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For more information, call 413-788-1262 or email [classified-obits@repub.com](mailto:classified-obits@repub.com).

Lorraine B. Ide 1926 - 2021



**FRANKLIN, TN**  
Lorraine Beaudry Ide on April 29th, 2021 in Franklin, Tennessee. She was born in Springfield, MA on November 7, 1926, daughter of Normand J. Beaudry and Bella Meunier Beaudry.

She received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from American International College. She taught school in Wilbraham and East Longmeadow, MA and Fort Wayne, Indiana. She retired after 34 years in the Springfield Public Schools. The final 16 years there were spent as the Elementary Science Supervisor. In that capacity she wrote the ECOS Program and was granted federal funding for 3 years to develop her outdoor environmental education in Forest Park. It proved itself to be a vital experience for children to appreciate and value their natural environment. She felt it was her most gratifying career accomplishment.

Awards she treasured were the Outstanding Science Educator of the year in 1982 from the Mass. Association of Science Supervisors and American International College's 1983 Alumni Achievement Award. She was an author and Reviewer Consultant for Laidlaw Bros Exploring Science Series.

She was pre-deceased by her husband Harry Ide Jr. and her brother Robert N. Beaudry. She leaves her son Andrew and his wife Deborah (Rochette) of Santa Fe, TN and their children Michelle, her husband Edward Durham and their children Alexis, Logan and Preslie and Jared, his wife Kirsy (Ayer) and their daughters Xiana, Celeste, Amara and Miriam and Ethan, his wife Emily (Pacini) and their sons James and Jude, and Jordan. She leaves her sister-in-law Pauline Beaudry and her children Marc and Barbara, Carl and Barbara and their children Hannah and Logan, Paul and Joan, Roxanne and Robert and his children Alex and Maddie. She dearly loved and cherished her family. She cherished her special friendship with Bill O'Neill and his family.

Her retirement years will as fulfilling and busy as her career. She became a Group Travel Escort for agencies in Venice and Sarasota, Florida. As well as escorting groups independently. In that capacity she fulfilled a lifelong desire to see the world, visiting 48 countries and 50 states. She taught Writing Your Life Classes in Florida and Otis, MA guiding so many to complete treasured books for their families.

She and her husband Harry created Laurel Ridge Camping Area in East Otis, MA where they continued to spend summers close to their families and friends. Winters were spent enjoying the pleasant climate of Englewood, Florida. She kept her life full with a loving family, many dear friends and always new things to experience.

A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, You who made me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideal. You, who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and you, who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank you for your love towards me and my loved ones. Persons must pray the prayer three consecutive days without asking your wish. After third day wish will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Then promise to publish this dialogue as soon as this favor is granted. I will never stop trusting in God and His power.

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Harry A. Bowen, III 1943 - 2021



**WESTFIELD**  
With heavy hearts the family of Harry A Bowen III sadly announces his passing on June 1, 2021 at Baystate Medical. Born in West Warwick R.I. on September 6, 1943 to the late Harry A and Malissie (Rathburn) Bowen Jr. he spent his youth there attending East Greenwich High School in Rhode Island. Harry went on to proudly serve his country in the United States Air Force. After his service he moved to the Springfield area living in West Springfield before settling in Westfield. He met and wed his beloved Vidalina Rivera Bowen in 2011 and together they built their loving home. Being outgoing in nature and an incredibly happy soul Harry chose a career in transportation retiring in 2019. He relished everyday he spent as a driver for First Student Transportation with his precious cargo. In his leisure Harry had a passion for camping, cooking, and spending time with his family. He also enjoyed ice fishing and his dog, Princess, was his beloved companion. To know Harry was to love him. His laugh was unforgettable as was his happy, cheerful demeanor. Happy Harry will never be forgotten.

Harry is survived by his devoted wife, Vidalina and his beloved children Jeffrey and his wife Michelle Bowen of Agawam, Mariarelis Rivas and her fiance Luis Centeno of Holyoke and Victor Rivas

and his partner Rosa Romero of Springfield. To carry on his legacy, he leaves his cherished grandchildren; Andrew, Austin, Isabella, and Mia and Nishalee, Victor, Ceaser, Matthew, Nathan, Andrew, Kevin, Justin , Jacob, and October. He will be greatly missed by his sister Judith Lingo-Marshall, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and countless friends.

Calling hours for Harry will beheld on Monday June 7, 2021 from 4-7 P.M. at the Agawam Funeral Home 184 Main St in Agawam. Services will begin on the following Monday June 14, 2021 at 9 A.M. at the funeral home followed by committal with full military honors at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery at 10 A.M . The family suggests for those wishing to donate in Harry's memory please consider Wounded Warriors Project Po Box 758516 Topeka Kansas 66675-8516 .



Wayne J Marek 1952 - 2021



**SPRINGFIELD**  
Wayne Marek, of Springfield, MA, passed away on May 17, 2021 at the age of 68. He was born on October 2, 1952 to Frederick S. Marek and Gladys H. (Jasak) Marek. Wayne grew up in Agawam and graduated from Agawam High School in 1970. He went on to American International College, where he was a fraternity member and graduated in 1974. He received his MBA from Western New England College. In his youth he played basketball and baseball, and was known as "JV" to his friends. As an adult he enjoyed tennis and skiing. He spent many years in the fields of business and accounting, working as a controller for Technicarbon Industries and an accountant for MassMutual. Wayne was a devoted caregiver to his mother Gladys in her later years. He leaves his children: Matthew Marek of Stockholm, Sweden; and Ashley Kuselias and her husband Steve of North Kingstown, RI; as well as his sister, Donna Allen of

Agawam, and his grandchildren Joseph and Hannah. He was predeceased by his nephew Brian. All services for Wayne will be held privately by his family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Springfield Public Library. The family has entrusted Agawam Funeral Home with the arrangements



Walter R. Zurowski 1934 - 2021



**CHICOPEE**  
Walter R. "Ziggy" Zurowski, 87, a lifelong Chicopee, MA resident, passed away at home on Friday, May 28, 2021 surrounded by his loving family. He was born on March 22, 1934, a son of the late Frank and Josephine (Gazda) Zurawski. Ziggy graduated from Chicopee schools and proudly served in the U S Army as a Military Police Officer from 1956-1958. He retired as a Construction Superintendent from Northeast Contractors and was a member of the Laborers International Union of North America for over fifty years. Ziggy was a lifetime member of VFW Post 144 and an avid hunter, fisherman and New England Patriots fan. He is survived by his daughters: Susan Corjay and her husband Matthew of Colchester, VT and Sally Surprenant and her husband Harvey of Springfield, MA and will be sadly missed by three grandchildren: Allison and Benjamin of Holly Springs, NC and Nicholas of Apex, NC and several nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his companion and friend Pierogi a.k.a Kit Kat. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Beverly (Smead) Zurowski on January 10, 2010, his son Steven Zurowski in 1993 and four siblings: Max Zurawski, Thaddeus Zurawski, Jane Konopacki and Lauria Warchol. A private visitation will be held at New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC, 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA followed by burial of Mr. Zurowski and his wife in Hillcrest Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Lung Association. For expressions of sympathy visit Ziggy's memorial page at www.nefcc.net

Frank and Josephine (Gazda) Zurawski. Ziggy graduated from Chicopee schools and proudly served in the U S Army as a Military Police Officer from 1956-1958. He retired as a Construction Superintendent from Northeast Contractors and was a member of the Laborers International Union of North America for over fifty years. Ziggy was a lifetime member of VFW Post 144 and an avid hunter, fisherman and New England Patriots fan. He is survived by his daughters: Susan Corjay and her husband Matthew of Colchester, VT and Sally Surprenant and her husband Harvey of Springfield, MA and will be sadly missed by three grandchildren: Allison and Benjamin of Holly Springs, NC and Nicholas of Apex, NC and several nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his companion and friend Pierogi a.k.a Kit Kat. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Beverly (Smead) Zurowski on January 10, 2010, his son Steven Zurowski in 1993 and four siblings: Max Zurawski, Thaddeus Zurawski, Jane Konopacki and Lauria Warchol. A private visitation will be held at New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC, 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA followed by burial of Mr. Zurowski and his wife in Hillcrest Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Lung Association. For expressions of sympathy visit Ziggy's memorial page at www.nefcc.net



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George Robert Ditomassi Jr.

1934 - 2021

LONGMEADOW

George Robert Ditomassi Jr. 86, passed away peacefully, surrounded by love on May 31, 2021, at his home that he shared with his beloved wife Michele. George was born on October 27, 1934, in Holyoke MA to the late George and Nancy (Morini) Ditomassi.

George graduated from the University of Massachusetts in 1957 and served in the U.S Army as a Second Lieutenant, where he was honored as a Distinguished Military Graduate. He graduated from the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University in 1980. In 1996 he received an honorary Doctorate from the University of Massachusetts.

George’s successful career at Milton Bradley spans over four decades, beginning in 1960 as a production trainee. In 1970, he became Vice President of Milton Bradley and General Manager of the Whiting Division. In 1982, he was elected to Milton Bradley Board of Directors, and in 1985, was promoted to President of Milton Bradley. In 1990, George was named Chairman of Milton Bradley and Chief Operating Officer, Games and International, Hasbro Inc., the acquiring company of Milton Bradley. From 1996-1997, he also served as President of Hasbro International. Throughout his career, George demonstrated his commitment to bringing worldwide prominence to what have become household brands such as Candyland, Life, and Chutes and Ladders. This led to his induction into the Toy Industry Association Hall of Fame in 2004. Following his career at Hasbro, George became CEO of Enesco, CEO of Shop at Home Company, and CEO of Summit America Television.

In addition, George has a long list of community involvement. He served as Chairman of the Western Massachusetts Children’s Miracle Network, the National Chairman of the Child Welfare League of America, and the Corporate Fundraising Chairman of the Ronald McDonald House of Springfield. George also served as a Director of the Business Friends of the Arts,



as a member of the board of Directors of the Basketball Hall of Fame, a Trustee at Springfield College, a member of the UMass Chancellor’s Executive Committee, and later as a Trustee of the UMass Foundation Board. He was an incorporator of the Community United Way, a Trustee of Baystate Medical Center, Chairman of the Westmass Area Development Corporation, and an appointed member of the Inspector General Council of Massachusetts.

George received many awards during his lifetime; Business West Business Person of the Year, University of Massachusetts Distinguished Alumnus Award, The Pynchon Award for Outstanding Civic Contributions, UNICO Man of the Year Award, American Cancer Society’s Omar T. Pace Award, Pioneer Valley Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen Award, Holyoke Community College Distinguished Service Award, Urban League Coveted Community Builder Award, Junior Achievement Free Enterprise Hall of Fame Award, and the National Conference of Human Relations Award.

George, fondly known as “Dito”, had a range of interests. He had a love for tennis and was known as the “human backboard” at the Field Club. He loved watching boxing, the Yankees, and was a devoted fan of UMass Basketball and Football. George was an avid reader, who enjoyed sitting on the beach with a good book. He was a car enthusiast, and a lover of animals, especially his dog Daisy and cat Tux. He will be remembered for his quick wit, sense of humor, business

acumen and his loyalty to his family and friends.

He will be deeply missed by his loving wife of 32 years Michele Megas-Ditomassi, his daughter Alexis Ditomassi, his sons George Robert Ditomassi III (Marianne Ditomassi) and Mark Ditomassi, his daughters Dawn Tallaksen (Jim Tallaksen) and Elisabeth Ditomassi (Tom MacDonald), his grandchildren Mackenzie, Connor, James, Jack, Emmett, Savannah, Wyatt, and Jacob, his sister Joyce Becker (Hank Becker), and his nephews David and John. He is also survived by his former wife Judith Anderson Ditomassi.

George’s impact on Springfield and the surrounding communities cannot be measured in words. He leaves a legacy of generosity through his numerous philanthropic activities. All who had the pleasure of working with George in the community can attest to the fact that he was a “doer” and appreciated hard work. Above all he was a man with a big heart who never forgot where he came from.

The Ditomassi family would like to thank his caregivers Prim, Kendra, Kennedy, Brenda, Job, and Marsha for their exceptional care. The family would also like to thank Baystate Hospice for their skill and compassion.

The services for George will begin on Wednesday June 9, 2021 with a wake from 4:00-7:00 PM at Forastiere Smith Funeral Home at 220 North Main Street East Longmeadow, MA. The Funeral is on Thursday June 10, 2021 starting at 10:00AM at the funeral home, followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:00AM at St. Mary’s Parish at 519 Longmeadow St., Longmeadow, MA. Burial will be in Longmeadow Cemetery, Longmeadow.

In Memory of George, contributions may be made in George’s name to The University of Massachusetts, Baystate Health Foundation, and The Ronald McDonald House. To leave an online condolence, visit [www.forastiere.com](http://www.forastiere.com).



William J. Dulude

1964 - 2021



SPRINGFIELD

William J. Dulude, age 57, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family after a year and a half battle with melanoma on May 23rd, 2021. He was born on April 14th, 1964 in Springfield to the late William M. and Jean A. (Ouimette) Dulude. Billy was a beloved husband, father, brother, son, uncle, and friend who had an unforgettable sense of humor and could fix or make just about anything. He loved driving his Miata on trips with his wife Andrea, relaxing by the koi pond he built in his yard, visiting Cape Cod with family, and spending time with his daughters, brother, and those he cared about. Billy worked for 23 years at the Springfield DPW and was a longtime member of the Marconi Club where he served as president for several years and made many lifelong friends. He is survived by his beloved wife of 31 years, Andrea (Methot) Dulude; daughters Alexandra and Audrey Dulude; brother Robert and wife Marilynn Dulude, all of Springfield; Andrew Dulude and his wife Laurie of Colrain, MA; 2 sisters Carole Kimberly and her husband Bob of West Tisbury, MA and Susan Leach and her husband Kenny of Garner, NC. He is predeceased by his siblings Jeffrey Dulude and Kathy Warner. A celebration of life will take place at the Munich Haus on 13 Center St., in Chicopee, MA on Thursday, June 17th from 4-7 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the D’Amour Cancer Center, 3350 Main St. Springfield, MA 01107. The Grise Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. For online condolences, please visit [www.GriseFH.com](http://www.GriseFH.com).

Grise Funeral Home

Irene A. Webber

1941 - 2021



MONSON

Irene A. (Scarfe) Webber, 79, passed away , Friday, May 28, 2021 surrounded by love in her home. Irene was born September 7, 1941 in Springfield, MA to the late Clarence and Norma (Grimshaw) Scarfe. She was a graduate of Springfield Schools and has been a resident of Monson for many years where she raised her family. Irene was a school bus driver for the Town of Monson for over 30 years. She had a creative side and enjoyed arts and crafts, sewing and crocheting. She loved the Christmas Season and every year she and her daughter would decorate and create a “Winter Wonderland” in their home.

Irene was predeceased by her husband, Robert E. Webber, Sr. in 2011. She leaves her son, Robert E. Webber Jr and his wife Isolde of Monson; and her daughter, Cynthia Webber of Monson as well as many nieces, nephews and a close friend James Fields. Irene was predeceased by her siblings, Henry Scarfe, Clarence Scarfe, Margaret Terwilliger and Ella Duquette.

A graveside service will be held Friday, June 11, 2021 at 1:30 pm at Hillcrest Park Cemetery on Parker St in Springfield. In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution in memory of Irene to, Sunshine Village 75 Litwin Lane Chicopee, MA 01020. For online condolences/ directions please visit [www.lombardfuneralhome.com](http://www.lombardfuneralhome.com)



Christopher Anthony McGowan

1950 - 2021



PUTNEY, VT

Christopher passed away at home on Memorial Day 2021. Born in Springfield, Massachusetts January 6, 1950, he resided in Ludlow, where he attended St. John the Baptist elementary school. He attended Cathedral High School for a year and a half, where he played football for one year, due to an injury to his knee, then graduated from Ludlow High School in 1968. After graduating he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He was deployed to Vietnam as a field radio operator. Upon his arrival, he volunteered to carry a radio for the 1st RECON battalion, where he was flown into enemy territory every other night in an attempt to gather intelligence, and on some occasions his unit took prisoners for interrogation purposes. He completed his tour of duty and requested to serve another tour of duty with the RECON unit he was so devoted to. After his discharge, he worked for his late uncle Harold and his wife Loretta of Chicopee, at his printing company Printcraft of Springfield MA. He attended The University of Massachusetts, where he studied accounting, graduating with honors in 1978. He was recruited by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., at the time was the largest public accounting firm in the United States. He later took CFO positions at Bookpress, and the Brattleboro Retreat both in Vermont. He finished his career working for United HealthCare, assigned to the northeast corridor division. He retired at his home in Putney, VT with his three children, doing accounting for his son Eric, the owner of McGowan Property Maintenance. I would be remiss for not saying that he was a Boy Scout, who became an Eagle Scout, one of his proudest accomplishments.

He was predeceased by his father Edward T. McGowan Jr. 2005, his mother Eileen Y. (Laramee) McGowan 2014, the light of his life who brought a sparkle to his eye daughter Elizabeth McGowan, who left too early due to a car accident in 2008. He leaves behind sons Eric of Putney, VT, and William of Townsend, VT. He also leaves his brother Edward III, his wife Linda of Hudson, FL, his brother James of Ludlow. His sisters Eileen Frantiska, and her husband, George of Wilbraham, and Kathleen Reccord of Wilbraham, his father-in-law Warren Pease of Brattleboro, VT. His precious granddaughter Marion and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements are private. In lieu of flowers, a donation to any agency that assists veterans in need of help.

Maureen J. Allen

1934 - 2021

SOUTHWICK

Maureen J. (O’Connor) Allen, 85, devoted wife of 65 years to Roland R. Allen passed away on May 29, 2021. She was predeceased by her parents, Thomas F. and Grace (Dean) O’Connor, and her brothers Thomas O’Connor Jr. and John O’Connor and grandson, Joseph DeCosmo. She is survived by her children, Diane LaBelle and her husband John, Thomas Allen and his wife Loreen, Paul Allen and his wife Susan, and Mary Silva and her husband Carlos, 14 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews; Closest to her heart were John J. O’Connor and Patience O’Connor. Maureen enjoyed the casino and was a dedicated Red Sox and Patriots fan. She loved watching her grandchildren and great grandchildren play sports. Maureen’s family would like to thank Dr. Benetone and Crystal for their great care, Beth at Springfield Medical Associates, Amy and the staff at Baystate Hospice for their unwavering support, and Susan Lattanzi for her exceptional care. To celebrate Maureen’s life the family will gather from 4:00PM-7:00PM, on Wednesday (June 9, 2021) in the

Eva-Jeanne Kealey

1958 - 2021



ENFIELD, CT

Eva-Jeanne Kealey passed away peacefully on June 2, 2021, surrounded by family after defying the odds and living life to the fullest for nearly five years, after being diagnosed with stage IV pancreatic cancer. Eva was born in Hartford on January 31, 1958, the daughter of the late Regne and Jeanette Parr. She grew up in Enfield, CT, and lived most of her adult life raising her family in Springfield, MA, with her husband Tom, before moving back to their hometown. She graduated from Enfield High School and earned her Associate’s Degree from Asnuntuck Community College. She worked for many years at Hallmark Cards and spent the rest of her career as a bookkeeper. Eva was an avid hiker who loved spending time in the great outdoors. Whether she was climbing mountains with the hiking chicks, running a marathon with the running girls, or chasing her kids and later her grandkids while they played outside, she spent every moment she could soaking up the sun and fresh air surrounded by people she loved. She had a talent for discovering faces in nature and achieved her dream of publishing a book of her photographs last year. Eva also became quite the artist in recent years, often creating masterpieces as gifts for her friends and family. Eva is survived by her loving husband, Tom Kealey; three children, Ryan Kealey and his wife, Meghan; Michelle Symington and her husband, Gregg; John Kealey and his wife, LoriAnn; three grandchildren, Jack and Austin Symington and Daniel Kealey; brother, Kenneth Parr and wife, Callie; sister, Marie Oliver and husband, Eric; loving nieces and her best friend and soulmate, Shari Cox. She will be remembered by her friends and family for her bright smile, strength, generosity and kind heart. The Kealey family is grateful for Eva’s wonderful and supportive group of friends and for the tremendous care she received from Dr. Armen Asik, oncology nurses Jen and Amanda and the other wonderful staff at the D’Amour Cancer Center in Springfield. The family would also like to thank hospice nurse Kristie for her gentle and loving care during Eva’s last days. Calling hours will be from 3 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, 61 South Rd, Enfield. Burial will be held privately at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her memory to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network at [Pancan.org](http://Pancan.org) or Griffin’s Friends at [griffinsfriends.com](http://griffinsfriends.com). To leave online condolences please visit [www.leetestevens.com](http://www.leetestevens.com)



Southwick Forastiere Funeral & Cremation, 624 College Highway, Southwick. A funeral home ceremony will take place at 9:00AM, on Thursday (June 10,2021) followed by burial in the Massachusetts Veterans’ Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main St.,Agawam. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Maureen’s name to Juvenile Diabetes Association, JDRF , 200 Vesey Street, 28th Floor, New York, NY 10281 or Autism Speaks,70 East Sunrise Highway, Suite 500, Valley Stream, NY 11581. [www.forastierefuneralhome.com](http://www.forastierefuneralhome.com)



Jayne Hope Hay

1930 - 2021



SPRINGFIELD

Jayne Hope Hay, 90, of Springfield passed away February 5, 2021 at her home. Jayne, daughter of the late Ethelred and Valerie Curtis, was raised in LaPorte, Indiana. Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, she was a graduate of LaPorte High School, and went on to receive her bachelor’s degree in education from Indiana University. Jayne, (Mimi), was a dedicated, creative art teacher for the City of Springfield. Jayne was a devoted wife to Tom Hay. Jayne will be missed by all who knew her, including her children, Dave Hay (Frank Lucchesi) of Longmeadow and Hong Kong, Dan Hay (Gini Hay) of Orchard Park, NY, and Dianne Mulhern (Bill Mulhern) of Springfield; her grandchild, Wil Mulhern (Laura Mulhern), step-grandchildren, Nick Lucchesi, and Katherine Lucchesi; and many extended family members and friends. Visiting Hours for Jayne will be held Friday, June 11, 2021 from 9AM to 11AM at Sampson’s Chapel of the Acres, 21 Tinkham Road, Springfield. A celebration of life will follow beginning at 11AM at Sampson’s. Burial will be at Hillcrest Park Cemetery 895 Parker St. Springfield MA, after the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Jayne’s memory may be made to Foster Memorial Church, 1791 Wilbraham Rd., Springfield, MA 01119 or Dakin Humane Society, 171 Union St., Springfield, MA 01105.



LUDLOW

John “Jackie” Lane Sullivan Jr., 86 of Ludlow, MA, died of cancer Thursday June 3, 2021 at his Ludlow home. John was the oldest of 7 children, born in Boston, MA Dec. 31, 1934, son of the late John Lane Sullivan Sr. and Helen T. (Hutchinson) Sullivan.

He was a devoted and proud father to his son David Alan and his wife, Karin (Distant) and his grandson Ryan Distant Sullivan of Loveland, OH. John will be greatly missed by his loving partner, Diane (Bartlett) Dubreuil including her children and grandchildren. He leaves behind two sisters, Elaine Newell of Bridgewater and Evelyn “Chris” Amoroso of Lynnfield, MA, his former wife and friend, Joan K. Sullivan of Brewster, MA. , 19 nieces/ nephews and a host of great nieces and nephews. John is preceded in death by four siblings, Margaret “Chickie” Bernabei, Patricia M. Reed, Helen V. Caverly and Stephen L. Sullivan.

John grew up in South Boston, was a 1952 graduate of English H.S. A strong work ethic, he held a variety of jobs before joining the U.S. Air Force from 1955 to 1959. After the service, he attended American International College, receiving his BSBA degree in accounting. He worked in accounting for Petlock Judelson & Co. of West Springfield and in 1979, he was elected a fellow of the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants. He moved on to Totsy Manufacturing Company in 1981 as the Chief Financial Controller remaining there until he retired in 1998.

John was always active in athletics and sports. He coached



youth baseball for 20 years, played softball for the Western Mass Relics and the Cape Cod Senior Softball League where he was a member of two senior national titles for 70+ and 80+ leagues.

John’s passion during retirement was skiing at Okemo Mt., VT. His annual ski trips to Utah with his son and dear friends were his favorite. Thanks for the memories, Pat Henry, Steve Simolari, and the late Ray White. John will be missed by members of his bowling league and his many friends from pickleball & bridge club.

John was a man who loved to be in the company of family and friends. He was passionate in all he did. Service and volunteering was of great importance to him. For many years he enjoyed volunteering at the Ludlow Senior Center providing tax assistance with Allen Peck and John McBride. He was an active member of the Exchange Club of Springfield, designed to support community youth and senior citizens. The family is grateful for the assistance of the Baystate Medical Center Hospice team. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Jude Org/ Children’s Research Hospital.

Family and friends are invited to attend the Calling Hours for John on Saturday, June 12, 2021 from 12-2pm at Nowak Funeral & Cremation Services, 15 Ludlow Ave., Springfield. To express online condolences, visit [www.nowakfuneral.com](http://www.nowakfuneral.com).





Philip Holmes Barnhart

1963 - 2021

LONGMEADOW

Philip Holmes Barnhart, 57, passed away peacefully at his home on May 28, 2021.

Phil was born on December 19, 1963, in Nashua, New Hampshire, son of the late Philip M. and Sally (Dunning) Barnhart.

Phil resided most of his life in Longmeadow, MA where he attended local schools and was a Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative student. He also participated in the Options program, which provides extracurricular activities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

As a longtime resident of Meadows Homes, Phil made many amazing friendships with housemates and staff members. He was predeceased by his longtime housemate, Mary Lou O'Connor, and leaves behind his dear friend and housemate Sean Anderson. Over many years, Phil had several caretakers and counselors who grew very fond of including Michael Reardon, Judy Squazzo, Emanuel Ononiua, Emmanuel Owusu, Judith Macintosh, and many others.

Phil retired with over twenty years of employment at American International College.

Family and friends were very important to Phil and he thoroughly enjoyed all of the holidays and birthday gatherings. He loved going to the Field Club tailgate parties where he would dance and sing along to the music. Phil's all time favorite band was the Rolling Stones and he was lucky enough to see them in concert twice. When listening to songs on the radio, Phil loved to guess the artist's names and could do so with remarkable accuracy. Phil's many passions included bowling, Big Time wrestling, family vacations to Florida and trips with his Meadows Homes friends. Participating in the Special Olympics and attending UNICO dances and Tony Restivo's Fun and Fitness Trips allowed Phil to create special memories and build numerous friendships, which came so



easily to him. With his genuine smile, wit, and affable personality, everyone who encountered Phil admired him.

Phil will be deeply missed by his brothers, Robert (and wife Shirley), James (and wife Anne) and his nieces and nephews, Sarah, Jennifer, Christopher and James, and step-mother, Barbara Barnhart, as well as a host of loving friends and relatives.

A special thank you to all the staff members of Meadows Homes and CHD, especially those of Drury Lane and Brookwood Drive, for their love, devotion and unsurpassed kindness. The family would also like to extend appreciation to Baystate Medical Center and the Hospice of Western and Central Massachusetts staffs for the wonderful care they provided Phil in his final weeks.

The family will receive friends on Friday, June 11th, from 4-7pm at Forastiere Smith Funeral & Cremation, 220 N. Main St, East Longmeadow, MA. A service will follow at 7:00pm. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, his family suggests donations be made in Philip's name either to CHD, c/o Meadows Homes, 332 Birnie Avenue, Springfield, MA 01107 or online at CHD.org/donate (Meadows Homes), or Special Olympics Massachusetts, online at https://support.specialolympics.org.

To leave an online condolence or for more information, visit www.forastiere.com.



Francis J. Shea

1934 - 2021

WILBRAHAM

Francis J. Shea, a retired attorney who practiced in Chicopee Falls, MA from 1960 to 1998, died on January 21, 2021 at the age of 87. He was a longtime resident of Chicopee, MA and Ft Myers, FL, and resided in Wilbraham, MA at the time of his death. Frank was born on January 8, 1934, the son of the late Atty. Walter M. Shea and Josephine Dowd Shea.

He was a cum laude graduate of the Cathedral High School class of 1951 and a cum laude graduate of the College of Holy Cross class of 1955. Frank earned his Doctor of Laws degree at Boston College in 1960. That same year he was admitted to the

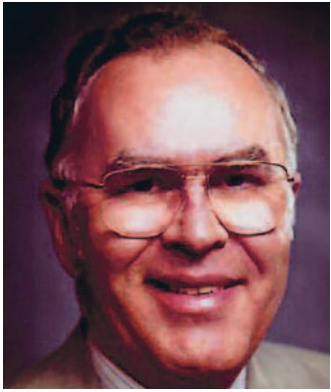


Massachusetts Bar and established a practice in Chicopee Falls. In 1962, he was admitted to practice in the United States District Courts. During his career as an attorney, he tried several cases before the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. He was a member of the Hampden County and Massachusetts Bar Associations. Francis was an Assistant City Solicitor for the City of Chicopee under Mayor Edward Lysek from 1963-1965.

Upon graduation from Holy Cross, he was commissioned as Ensign in the United States Navy and served aboard the USS Agawam and the USS Hoist. He finished his tour of duty at the rank of Lieutenant JG.

During his business career, Frank owned and operated the Laporte, Shea and Borys Insurance Agency in Chicopee Falls, MA. The agency was founded by his late father Atty. Walter M. Shea in 1917 and carried on by his mother, Josephine Shea, after the passing of his father until Frank graduated from law school. The business is now owned and operated by his son Paul J. Shea.

During the course of Frank's career, he served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Western Mass Credit Union and was the Cooperator of the Chicopee Falls Savings Bank and the Community Savings Bank. He participated in many civic activities and most notably was a founding Director of the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce and served



as Director of the Pioneer Valley Red Cross 1982-1985; Corporator of Mercy Hospital; and Director of the Westover Metropolitan Development Corporation.

Frank was a 75 year member of the former St. Patrick's parish in Chicopee Falls. During his time at St. Patrick's he served as a Captain on the Annual Catholic Appeals and was the first

Chairman of the Parish Council. He also served as a Lecturer and was one of the first Eucharistic Ministers in the parish in 1973. He later became a parishioner of St. Cecilia's Parish in Wilbraham, MA.

Frank was predeceased by his first wife Elizabeth Spaulding in 1988 and is survived by his second wife of 30 years Marcia Spaulding, son Paul J. Shea and his wife Jennifer L. Shea both of Longmeadow, MA and two grandchildren Keri E. Shea and Robert F. Shea of Philadelphia, PA. In addition, he leaves his brother Walter M. Shea of Ventura, CA. Frank will be remembered as a kind and charitable person who was deeply devoted to his faith and family.

A Memorial Mass to celebrate Frank's Life will be held on Tuesday June 8, 2021 at 11:00 AM in St. Cecilia Church, 42 Main St., Wilbraham. Burial will be held privately for the family. Wilbraham Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lorraine's Soup Kitchen and Pantry, 170 Pendexter Ave., Chicopee, MA 01013.



Francis M. Canning

1926 - 2021

SPRINGFIELD

Francis M. Canning, 95 of Springfield died June 2, 2021 at home surrounded by his family. He was born January 29, 1926 to Michael and Mary (Hurley) Canning. A life-long resident of Springfield, Frank, or Fran growing up, attended local schools, graduating from Springfield Technical High School in 1943. He enlisted in the Navy and was selected for the V12 program, studying at Harvard and Tufts, and served out his tour in the Philippines. Upon return from military service, Frank was a firefighter for the Springfield Fire Department before accessing his GI benefits to attend Boston College. Frank graduated with a degree in business in 1952 and joined the Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company as a field agent. He continued to work in insurance throughout his career, earning his CPCU and eventually retiring in 1991 from the Royal Insurance, where he was a special agent for commercial lines. Frank married Margaret Fenton, literally the girl across the street, on April 16, 1955. They settled in Springfield, in their cherished home where they've lived for 65 years and raised their six children: Mary (Sri Balasuriyar), Margo Vitello (Mark), Frank Jr. (Brenda), Ann (Ben Granskog), Ellen Ryan (John), and Julie Repass (Dave). Frank loved his faith, his country, and his family. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather and made many sacrifices for his family. "Poppy", as he eventually became known, was happiest sharing in the lives of his children and grandchildren. He was always there to advise, support, to cheer them on in their activities, and to celebrate their life milestones. He loved the numerous family gatherings at his home and was proud of his seat at the head of the ever-extending Thanksgiving table. Summer afternoons in the pool were always special. Frank was a founding and faithful member of St. Paul's parish where he served on the Athletic



Association and Parish Council. He was also a Life member of the Springfield Lodge of Elks #61. He was a dedicated Red Sox, Celtics, Patriots and Bruins fan, enjoyed golf and travel. In addition to his wife and children, he is survived by his grandchildren, Mark Vitello (Lindsay), Marie Darr (Josh), Nora and John Vitello, Michael and Mary Balasuriyar, Erin Canning, Martin and Margaret Ryan; his great granddaughters Anne and Julia Darr; his sister Eleanor McNeerney and many cherished nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, brothers Bill and Jack Canning, and grandson Michael Canning. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Paul the Apostle Church, 235 Dwight Road at 10:00 am on Friday June 11. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery. The family wishes to thank all those who helped make it possible to keep Frank in his beloved home: the Department of Veterans Affairs, and especially Frank's dedicated nighttime caregiver, Polly. Memorial donations may be made to City of Springfield Forest Park, 200 Trafton Rd., Springfield, MA 01108, or Saint Paul the Apostle Church, 235 Dwight Rd. Springfield MA 01108

Please be advised that masks and social distancing is required for all funeral and cemetery services.



Mary Jane "MJ" Hastie Okai

1942 - 2021

LONGMEADOW

Mary Jane "MJ" Hastie Okai, 78, passed away peacefully on June 3, 2021. Born in Springfield on November 5, 1942, she was the beloved daughter of the late James and Evelyn (guiragos) Lewis. Mary Jane grew up in Springfield and graduated from Springfield Technical High School and has been a resident of Longmeadow MA for many years where she raised her family.

Mary Jane started her career as an X-ray Technician at Mercy Hospital in Springfield. After raising her children she began working in the insurance industry. She was a longtime employee of Haberman Insurance in West Springfield, retiring in 2020. Previously, she was employed at Liberty Mutual. Gardening, creating crafts, and decorating for the Christmas holidays were many of the talents she enjoyed. Every year a trip to one of the local casinos was always on her list of things to do. Most of all Mary Jane enjoyed her family and especially seeing her grandchildren grow. She will be missed by all who knew her.

She was predeceased by her son Greg M. Hastie, her brother John F. Lewis and her husband John Okai. She leaves behind a son, Glenn M. Hastie and Samantha Marszalek of East Longmeadow and two daughters: Shelley Montana and Brian Connor of East



Longmeadow, and Cheryl Hastie and Gene Perry of North Carolina. She is survived by her brother James J. Lewis of Lynchburg VA, her sister Kathleen Lewis-Malysz and her husband Stephen of Wilbraham, six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and two nieces.

A celebration of Mary Jane's life will take place on Tuesday, June 8th with visiting hours from 4:00-6:00pm, with a service at 6:00pm at Forastiere Smith Funeral & Cremation on 220 N. Main Street in East Longmeadow. Donations may be made in Mary Jane's memory to Shriners Hospital for Children at Development Office, 516 Carew St, Springfield MA 01104 or by calling 413-735-1368. To share a condolence please visit www.forastiere.com.



IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of



Gary Plante

Dec. 27, 1955 - June 6, 2017

Always on my mind, forever in my heart. Your loving wife, Mimi

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of

My Dad Michael A. Roberts

5/22/1907 - 6/6/1985

36th Anniversary Remembering you today and always. All My Love, Joni

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Rachelle Moreau

1926 - 2021



EAST LONGMEADOW

Rachelle Moreau, 95, entered into eternal rest on Thursday June 3rd surrounded by her loving family. She was born on January 6th 1926 in East Hereford. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Rudolph, and 15 siblings. She leaves her four loving children: Edmond Moreau and his wife Georgann, Susan Verteramo and her husband David, Donald Moreau and his partner Patty Lacroix, and David Moreau and his wife Diana, her sister Leona Berube, eight grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. Family and friends are invited to the Forastiere Smith Funeral Home at 220 North Main St from 8:30am-10:30am on Tuesday June 8th for a period of visitation. A liturgy of Christian Burial will follow at 11am at St. Michael's Church in East Longmeadow. She will be laid to rest at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are respectfully asked to be made to the Shriners Hospital in Springfield. For Rachelle's complete obituary, please visit www.forastiere.com.



IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of



Albert J. "Bob" Bonavita

Dec. 3, 1942 - June 6, 2013 On His 8th Anniversary

May God remember the Soul of my honored husband Albert J. (Bob) Bonavita who is gone to his repose; for that, I now solemnly offer charity for his sake; in reward of this, may his soul enjoy eternal life, with the souls of our departed that are in Paradise; and let us say, Amen.

You are with me in my awareness and in my heart.

Sadly missed with Love Always, wife Rachel

In Loving Memory of



Dana Rivette

10/4/62-6/7/19

It is with heavy hearts that two years ago our Maker called you home. We miss your shining light whenever we're together, and your love for family, friends, Patriots and fishing. 'Til we meet again, you will be missed and loved forever.

Dad (Pops), Lesa (sis), Dan (bro), and Donald (Don)

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of



Dick Weisse

11/21/1932-6/4/2020

Can't believe it's been a whole year without you.

Miss you every day Love Jeanne, the Kids and many Grandchildren

In Loving Memory of



Theresa Cloutier

Happy 84th Birthday

Always loving you more every day, husband Roland, daughter Michele and family





In this July 27, 2012, file photo, wild blueberries await harvesting in Warren, Maine. The wild blueberry fields of Maine appear to be warming faster in 2021 than the state at large. That could put one of the state's most beloved crops at risk. (ROBERT F. BUKATY / ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE)

PORTLAND, MAINE

Maine’s blueberry crop faces climate change peril

By PATRICK WHITTLE  
Associated Press

Maine’s beloved wild blueberry fields are home to one of the most important fruit crops in New England, and scientists have found they are warming at a faster rate than the rest of the state.

The warming of the blueberry fields could imperil the berries and the farmers who tend to them because the rising temperatures have brought loss of water, according to a group of scientists who are affiliated with the University of Maine.

The scientists analyzed 40 years of data and found that the state experienced a 1.1 degrees Celsius (1.98 degrees Fahrenheit) increase in average temperature, but the blueberry fields of Down East Maine experienced an increase of 1.3 degrees Celsius (2.34 degrees Fahrenheit).

That seemingly small difference is significant because rising temperatures could lead to water deficits that put the blueberries at risk, said Rafa Tasnim, a doctoral candidate in ecology and environmental science at UMaine and the study’s lead author. Lack of water could result in smaller crop sizes and blueberries that are less likely to survive to be harvested.

“What we are expecting is the temperature is going to increase a lot and we will not get as much rainfall in the summertime especially,” said Tasnim, who led a research team that published the study in the research journal Water earlier this year. “What that will mean for the wild blueberry plants is they will be water stressed.”

Maine is home to the only commercial producers of wild blueberries in the U.S. The little berries are smaller and have a slightly different flavor than their cultivated cousins, and the vast majority of the crop is used to supply frozen fruit. Maine growers compete with those in Canada’s eastern provinces, which also produce the fruit.

The wild blueberry industry in Maine has struggled somewhat in recent years due to factors such as last year’s drought and volatile markets. Farmers produced

47.4 million pounds of Maine wild blueberries last year, and that was the lowest number since 2004.

The study authors found that wild blueberry growers might need to change the way they farm to prepare for future climate change. That could include changes to strategies such as irrigation and fertilizer use.

The industry is up to that challenge, said Eric Venturini, executive director of the Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine.

“We are actively engaged in finding out how climate change is impacting our industry and finding solutions to it,” he said. “Climate change definitely poses challenge to wild blueberry farms in Maine.”

The berries are widely used in processed food products. In recent years, Maine and its growers have worked to brand the berries as a health food product for the age of so-called superfoods. The blueberries are especially popular in smoothies.

The blueberries are also the subject of annual agricultural festivals, and they’re the key ingredient of blueberry pie, the official state dessert. Maine’s official berry is, somewhat unsurprisingly, the blueberry.

The scientists’ findings dovetail with other research about the blueberry fields that has shown climate change to be a looming problem, said David Yarborough, emeritus professor of horticulture with the University of Maine, who was not involved in the study.

“And with increasing temperatures, that will probably be the trend into the future,” Yarborough said. “What we’re going to do about it is a good question.”

The California ban has

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

California assault weapons ban overturned

By TIMOTHY BELLA  
The Washington Post

A federal judge Friday night overturned California’s longtime ban on assault weapons, saying the state’s law was unconstitutional and that prohibiting such firearms for decades was “a failed experiment.”

In a 94-page ruling, U.S. District Judge Roger Benitez of the Southern District of California said that sections of the state ban in place since 1989 regarding military-style rifles violate the Second Amendment. Benitez characterized the assault weapons Californians are barred from using as not “bazookas, howitzers or machine guns” but rather “fairly ordinary, popular, modern rifles.”

The judge then compared an AR-15 to a Swiss Army knife. “Like the Swiss Army Knife, the popular AR-15 rifle is a perfect combination of home defense weapon and homeland defense equipment,” Benitez said in the ruling.

In addition to issuing a permanent injunction Friday, Benitez granted a request from California Attorney General Rob Bonta, D, for a 30-day stay of the ruling, which will bring about an appeal from the state.

“Today’s decision is fundamentally flawed,” Bonta said in a news release. “There is no sound basis in law, fact, or common sense for equating assault rifles with Swiss Army knives - especially on Gun Violence Awareness Day and after the recent shootings in our own California communities.”

Benitez’s ruling comes at a time when the nation continues to grapple with gun violence and pushes from lawmakers to ban assault weapons. After pushing for a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines, President Biden announced in April a series of executive actions to help curb gun violence. Last month, the Justice Department released a proposed rule that would put new restrictions on “ghost guns” - kits that allow buyers to assemble firearms without a serial number.

Though the actions were part of the president’s first substantive response to mass shootings, he and lawmakers nationwide have faced many of the same cultural and political divisions that have stymied efforts on passing assault weapons bans.

The California ban has

been revised multiple times over the past three decades. The state has argued that assault weapon restrictions have also previously been upheld by several federal district and appeals courts.

The judge’s decision stems from a lawsuit filed in 2019 by a state resident and a political action committee for gun owners. The lawsuit against California said the state is “one of only a small handful of states to ban many of the most popular semiautomatic firearms in the nation because they possess one or more common characteristics, such as pistol grips and threaded barrels” that are frequently used with detachable ammunition magazines.

The AR-15, a lightweight, customizable version of the military’s M16, soared in popularity after a 10-year federal ban on assault weapons expired in 2004. It has also been slammed by lawmakers and gun-control advocates for its use in mass shootings.

The state has previously argued in a court filing that a spike in sales in the past year of more than 1.16 million other types of pistols, rifles and shotguns “has not prevented law-abiding citizens in the state from acquiring a range of firearms for lawful purposes, including self-defense.”

But Benitez pushed back on that notion in his ruling. Despite the ban, there are an



Steve Sposato, who lost his wife in a shooting, holds an automatic rifle as Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., left, then San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, second left, and Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., look on at a news conference. U.S. District Judge Roger Benitez ruled Friday that the state’s definition of illegal military-style rifles unlawfully deprives law-abiding Californians of weapons commonly allowed in most other states and by the U.S. Supreme Court. (ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO)

estimated 185,569 assault weapons registered with the state, the judge said.

“This is an average case about average guns used in average ways for average purposes,” Benitez wrote. “One is to be forgiven if one is persuaded by news media and others that the nation is awash with murderous AR-15 assault rifles. The facts, however, do not support this hyperbole, and facts matter.”

The judge made another mention of knives in his ruling, claiming that “murder by knife occurs seven times more often than murder by rifle” in California.

It’s not the first time Benitez has ruled in favor of gun rights since he was appointed by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the Senate in 2004. Benitez has ruled the state’s ban on high-capacity magazines was unconstitutional and also struck down the restriction on remote purchases of gun ammunition. The state is appealing those decisions.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom, D, lashed out at the judge’s ruling in a tweet, saying that Benitez comparing an AR-15 to a Swiss Army knife was a “disgusting slap in the face to those who have lost loved ones to gun violence.”

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**MATT VAUTOUR**

## Reilly steps up for Bruins

**F**OR GOOD REASON, Mike Reilly will always be overshadowed in Boston.

He'll never be the Bruins' signature trade deadline acquisition; that designation will probably belong to Taylor Hall. And in a blue line corps that features emerging superstar Charlie McAvoy, Reilly is a secondary presence.

While getting Hall and Curtis Lazar for Anders Bjork and a second-round pick will go down as general manager Don Sweeney's masterpiece,, it's becoming more and more clear during the postseason that acquiring Reilly for just a fourth-round pick was almost as important.

He's been strong in all three zones and a critical part of the Bruins' breakout. In Thursday's overtime win, he played 22:29 minutes, second only McAvoy (29:11).

### BRUINS VS. ISLES

**M** Last night's game did not end in time for the print edition. For coverage go to [masslive.com/bruins](https://www.masslive.com/bruins)

With Kevan Miller already out and Brandon Carlo as well after suffering a head injury Thursday, Reilly's responsibilities could increase.

"He's defended well for us. He's long. I wouldn't call him a hard player, but when it's his turn to battle, he's certainly willing to do it. He's been a good addition for us," Bruins coach Bruce Cassidy said.

"The good thing about Mike is that he doesn't overextend shifts very often. He doesn't put himself in bad spots where he's going to be at a disadvantage. I think he's a smart hockey player in that regard. He knows what he's good at, what he can get away with and how to defend to his strengths. He's got a very good hockey I.Q. and has done a real nice job for us at both ends of the ice."

It's a new role for Reilly. Before the Bruins acquired him from Ottawa, the 27-year-old was spending another year of his prime on a bad team. In five NHL seasons with the Wild, Canadiens and Senators, he hadn't played in a single playoff game before this year.

"It's my first taste in pro hockey here. I've watched a lot of playoff hockey in the past, but playing in it is a whole other animal," Reilly said. "As each game goes by, you get a little more comfortable. It's fun coming to the rink every single day."

Reilly, a Minnesota native, played forward into high school, which contributed to his skating and puck handling skills, before dropping back to the blue line, where he shined in junior and at the University of Minnesota.

"I'm trying to just soak it in," he said. "We have a veteran team with a lot of guys who have played a lot of games in the playoffs and have been very successful at it. I'm just trying to follow along with those guys."

### HORSE RACING | BELMONT STAKES

# Essential is Quality

Beaten Kentucky Derby favorite rebounds for convincing win



Essential Quality, with jockey Luis Saez up, crosses the finish line ahead of Hot Rod Charlie, ridden by Flavien Prat, to win the 153rd running of the Belmont Stakes yesterday in New York. (SETH WENIG / ALSSOCIATED PRESS)

**By STEPHEN WHYNO**  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Brad Cox picked up his first Triple Crown victory with Essential Quality's romp to victory in the Belmont Stakes yesterday while waiting to see if he'll be awarded another from the Kentucky Derby.

Cox could be a Derby winner with Mandaloun if Bob Baffert-trained Medina Spirit is disqualified. But Cox was able to enjoy this one with Essential Quality beating Hot Rod Charlie by 1¼ lengths.

Essential Quality, who went off as the 6-5 favorite, passed early leader Hot Rod Charlie around the final turn and held on to win the 1½-mile \$1 million race. He paid \$4.60 to win, \$3 to place and \$2.60 to show.

"That was a long way around there a mile a half but it was exciting," Cox said. "It looked like the horse on the inside, he still had run left. I knew it was going to be a battle down the lane."

Preakness winner Rombauer was third and Known Agenda fourth.

Essential Quality, a striking gray colt, finished fourth as a beaten favorite in the Kentucky Derby because of a rough trip. Essential Quality showed in the Belmont why he has long been considered one of the top 3-year-olds in the country.



Jockey Luis Saez holds up the August Belmont Trophy next to trainer Brad Cox after winning the Belmont Stakes yesterday in New York. (SETH WENIG / ASSOCIATED PRESS)

"In the Kentucky Derby we were so confident that we're gonna win that race," said jockey Luis Saez, who won a Triple Crown race for the first time. "He was ready for the race. But we have a little unlucky start ... Today the main thing was try to break clean and the rest I know he's gonna

do it."

Backdooring his way to becoming the first Louisville-born trainer to win the Kentucky Derby wouldn't allow Cox the same joy of victory as the Belmont, which the up-and-coming star will likely remember as his first true Triple Crown triumph.

And Cox saw this coming. He predicted last summer that Essential Quality would be his horse for the Belmont, and that proved true in beating a tough field of seven other horses.

It was something of redemption for Saez, who thought he had his first Triple Crown win finishing first in the 2019 Derby with Maximum Security. But Maximum Security was disqualified for impeding other horses.

There was no DQ this time. "Hot Rod Charlie ran a tremendous race and I thought (with) the hot pace we were in a good spot where they would come back," Cox said. "Luis did a fantastic job of getting him in position turning for home and he was able to really show his stamina late," Cox said.

Saez said Belmont was his "second home," adding, "This was the race I wanted to win."

United Arab Emirates ruler Sheik Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum owns Essential Quality. **SEE BELMONT, PAGE B3**

### TENNIS | FRENCH OPEN

## Nadal, Swiatek advance

**By JEROME PUGMIRE AND STEVEN WINE**  
Associated Press

**PARIS** — Iga Swiatek closed out her latest French Open victory and raised a triumphant right fist. Rafael Nadal won less than half an hour later and celebrated with a left uppercut.

The two defending champions make for a potent one-two combination at Roland Garros, where both won going away yesterday to reach the fourth round.

Swiatek rallied from a break down in the opening set to beat Anett Kontaveit 7-6 (4), 6-0. Nadal was unfazed at losing serve twice in a row in the second set and eliminated Cameron Norrie 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Roger Federer found a way to beat Germany's Dominik Koepfer, battine for a 7-6 (7-5) 6-7 (3-7) 7-6 (7-4) 7-5 win in a near-empty stadium in the last match.

He will play Italian ninth seed Matteo Berrettini in the last 16.

Nadal, 35, advanced to the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 50th time. He's trying to add to his record 13 French Open crowns and seeks his 21st major title, which would break the men's record he shares with Roger Federer.

As Nadal spoke to the crowd after the match, fans reminded the Spaniard of his title



Rafael Nadal celebrates winning a point against Cameron Norrie during his third-round French Open win yesterday in Paris. (MICHEL EULER / ASSOCIATED PRESS)

total by shouting "treize!" — 13 in French. "Can you repeat that?" he responded in English with a smile.

Nadal will next play 19-year-old Italian Jannik Sinner, who is seeded 18th.

"He's young, he's improving every week, he has big shots," Nadal said. "I need to be solid. I need to be aggressive too. I need to make him play from tough positions. It's the fourth

**SEE TENNIS, PAGE B2**

### GOLF | MEMORIAL

## Coronavirus knocks Rahm out of tourney

**By DOUG FERGUSON**  
Associated Press

**DUBLIN, OHIO** — Jon Rahm walked off the 18th green at the Memorial after tying the 54-hole record and building a six-shot lead, leaving him on the cusp of joining Tiger Woods as the only repeat winners.

Moments later, he doubled over behind the green and said in anguish, "Not again!"

Rahm was notified he tested positive for the coronavirus, knocking him out of the tournament.

A command performance, that included a hole-in-one Saturday morning to complete his second round and an 8-under 64 to tie two tournament records, went to waste.

The PGA Tour said the Spaniard had come in close contact with a person who was COVID-19 positive, meaning he could play provided he was tested daily. Every test came back negative except the one after his second round, which was completed yesterday morning.

The positive test was confirmed, the results returned as he was playing the 18th hole, knowing nothing except no one was close to him on the leaderboard.

The tour said Rahm remained asymptomatic. **SEE GOLF, PAGE B2**



AUTO RACING | XFINITY

# Allmendinger rallies to Ohio win

LEXINGTON, OHIO — A.J. Allmendinger rallied from a penalty, benefitted from a late caution and used a sweeping three-wide pass for the lead to win the Xfinity Series race yesterday at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course.

The victory was Allmendinger’s second of the season and came on what Kaulig Racing considers its home track. Team owner Matt Kaulig is from Akron, roughly 90 minutes away, and he jumped off the pit wall to hug Allmendinger after the win.

Kaulig then sought out Justin Haley and kissed him on the cheek in appreciation of the 1-2 finish for the race team.

“This is Matt Kaulig’s Super Bowl,” a breathless Allmendinger said.

Kaulig was joined on the pit stand by Indianapolis 500-winning team owner Michael Shank, another Ohio native who has a long relationship with Allmendinger. Shank has used Allmendinger as his endurance driver in sports car racing for 15 years, and Allmendinger anchored Shank’s breakthrough 24 Hours of Daytona victory in 2012.

“We’re at Matt Kaulig’s home race, we’ve got three Ohio sponsors on the car, we got Mike Shank here — Indianapolis 500-winning team — and he came here to see me,” Allmendinger said. “It’s just such a big deal. I always want to win, but here I put a lot more pressure on myself.”

Allmendinger had to



A.J. Allmendinger celebrates his Xfinity Series win yesterday in Lexington, Ohio.

(TOM E. PUSKAR / ASSOCIATED PRESS)

rally after a pit-road penalty dropped him to 19th near the end of the second stage. He had worked his way up to third but still trailed reigning Xfinity Series champion Austin Cindric by 13.2 seconds when he got a lucky break with seven laps remaining.

Jeb Burton spun and got his car stuck in gravel to bring out a caution and bunch the field back up. Cindric chose to restart on the outside with Ty Gibbs on his inside, and Allmendinger lined up in third one row back.

Allmendinger dove inside on the restart with four laps remaining and easily cleared both Cindric and Gibbs in a three-wide pass. “I was going to fight until the checkered flag flew. I knew I had the best car,” Allmendinger said.

— Associated Press

LOCAL GOLF									
SATURDAY'S RESULTS									
<b>AGAWAM:</b> (Men's Association) R Freniere +9, G Hampson +7, P Vanesse +5; Gross: P Vanesse 70, J Bottomley 75, B Rivkin 78, G Hampson 78.									
<b>AMHERST:</b> (Guest Day) Member-Guest Gross: Morgan Michelle, Sullivan Meaghan 37; Net: French Karen, Craig Liz 31; Godfrey Mary, Doris Rivard 32; Bradley Marilyn, Fender Connie 35; Member-Member Net: Commacchioli Fran, Donnelly Megan 30; Klaes Rose, Daniels Ginny 32.									
<b>EDGEWOOD:</b> (2 Best Balls Net-Front/Back) Front: M. Kielbasa, P. Sullivan, M. Grossi -6; Back: M. Rusotto, M. Raschilla Sr, T. Chiba -1; Gross: E. Connelly 69, M. Raschilla Jr 73, M. Kielbasa 75, M. Rusotto 75, A. Morin 76, P. Sullivan 76.									
FRIDAY'S RESULTS									
<b>WESTOVER:</b> (Seniors) J. Tyburski, D. Croney, J. Andre, M. Shomes +20; B. Brown, J. Kiah, J. Forsy, J. Aberdale +16; P. Paschetto, R. Whiting, J. Houle, R. Staples+9.									
<b>MILL VALLEY:</b> (Senior Swingers) J. Loncrini, N. Charpentier, B. Arruda +11; A. Courchesne, B. Thomas, S. Siok +8. (O'Brien Oldies) L. Tolpa, J. Morrin +9; D. O'Brien, B. Salty +7; J. Conroy, S. Jones +2.									
<b>ST. ANNE:</b> (BAG) 2 Ball: M Shea, K Bregoli, D Lund-en, C DiStefano, C DiRosa. -2; R O'Neill, G Nolan, P Finnie, T O'Connor -1.									
<b>OAK RIDGE:</b> (Quimette Printing League) A div. Gross: B. Towle 41, J. Pokorny 41, T. Sypek 41, J. Gearing 42; A div. Net: M. Navone 36, P. Clark 37. B div. Gross: D.Quimette 40, R. Sypek 40, M. Lefebvre 40, B. Gearing 41; B div. Net: E. Waskevicz 35, M. Murphy 35, L. Larabee 36, D. Oliborowski 36. C div. Gross: D. Prova 41, T. Strycharz 42, P. McKay 42, J. Sherbo 42; C div. Net: G. Ayres 35, S. Smist 36, D div. Gross: K. Jonah 47, D. Buchanan 48; D div. Net: P. Lavsure 35, S. Fortini 36.									
<b>AGAWAM:</b> (Men's Association) Points: R. Zucco +5, R. Freniere +3, G. Strom +2, J. Santaniello +2, M. Ferrant +2; Gross: R. Rivkin 78.									
<b>HOLYOKE:</b> (Wild Geese) Net: Joe Kulig, Rich Robillard, Joe Usovski, Pat McGee; May Goose of the Month: Tom Sheehan.									
<b>WILBRAHAM:</b> (Red Sox/Yankees theme night) Ben Coyle, Jackie Coyle, Rick Miller, Tina Miller 31; Gary Shepard, Helene Watkins, Richard Eyer, Rhonda Lozinski 33; Bob Perry, Bobbi Perry, Dan McNamara, Christy Hamilton 34.									
<b>CHICOPEE:</b> (Couple's Nine and Nine) T. Robak, V. Robak, G. Lonczak, D. Lonczak 31; B. O'Neill, N. O'Neill, R. Kos, G. Kos 36; K. Laplante, K. Laplante, G. Laplante, S. Laplante 36; G. Przybylowicz, D. Przybylowicz, M. Rodriego, M. Rodriego 37; C. Topor, Mrs Topor, T. Paquette, Mr. Paquette 37.									
<b>AGAWAM:</b> (Couples League) R Waite, D Waite, J Harlow, J Harlow 33; J DiRico, M Larabee, K Barlow, J Bonvita 33; E Lavelle, K Lavelle, P Keating, J Keating 34; A Porchelli, L Porchelli, R Zucco, A Zucco 36.									
<b>EDGEWOOD:</b> Net: B. Bolle, R. Joseph 78; J. Cunningham, M. Raschilla Sr 79; Gross: B. Bolle 78, J. Cunningham 79.									
THURSDAY'S RESULTS									
<b>LONGMEADOW:</b> (Better Ball) Gross: Dave Fontaine Jr. & Nick Norgaard 33, Bob Borawski & Mike Londergan 35; Net: Dave Fontaine Sr. & Jules Gaudreau 30, Todd Goodrich & Tim Stelzer 32, Jim Foad Jr. & Victor Regorano 33, Brian Toomey & Joe Phillips 33.									
<b>LEDGES:</b> (Easy Rider Senior League) 1st: S. Pudlo, J. Wojcik, C. LeClair; 2nd: G. Gagnon, T. Beltrandi, N. Aubreyham.									
<b>NORTHAMPTON:</b> (Western Mass. Women's Golf Association) Division 1 Gross: Chris Korona 90; Net: Jane Provost 75, Mary Brunelle 76; Division 2 Gross: Barbara Tierney 104; Net: Carol Border 74, Doris Rivard 76; Division 3 Gross: Karen Zucco 110; Net: Shelley Rome 78, Lee Ross 81; Low putts: Lisa Perrotti 31.									
<b>AGAWAM:</b> (Men's Senior League) A Division Gross: Z. Zielsinski 41, A. Houle 43, R. Jones; B Division Gross: T. Zern 48, J. Besaw 50, P. Paleologopoulos 52.									
<b>FRANCONIA:</b> (Veterans for Women's 9-hole Golf League) Div I Gross: B. Tipaldi 47; Net: A. Klenakis 33; Div II Gross: T. O'Connor 56; Net: M. Villeneuve 35, N. Salerno 35; Div III Gross: S. MacFadyen 65, Net: C. DelViscio 38.									

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	37	23	.617	-
RED SOX	34	23	.596	1½
Toronto	30	26	.536	5
New York	31	27	.534	5
Baltimore	20	37	.351	15½
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	35	23	.603	-
Cleveland	30	25	.545	3½
Kansas City	29	27	.518	5
Detroit	24	34	.414	11
Minnesota	23	35	.397	12
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	34	25	.576	-
Houston	32	26	.552	1½
Seattle	29	30	.492	5
Los Angeles	26	31	.456	7
Texas	23	37	.383	11½
Saturday's Games				
Detroit 4, Chicago White Sox 3				
Toronto 6, Houston 2				
Minnesota 5, Kansas City 4				
Tampa Bay 3, Texas 0				
Cleveland at Baltimore, n				
RED SOX at N.Y. Yankees, n				
Oakland at Colorado, n				
Seattle at L.A. Angels, n				
Sunday's Games				
Cleveland (TBD) at Baltimore (López 1-6), 1:05 p.m.				
Houston (García 4-3) at Toronto (Matz 6-2), 1:07 p.m.				
Detroit (Ureña 2-4) at Chicago White Sox (Cease 3-2), 2:10 p.m.				
Minnesota (TBD) at Kansas City (Singer 3-4), 2:10 p.m.				
Tampa Bay (TBD) at Texas (Dunning 2-4), 2:35 p.m.				
Oakland (Kaprielian 2-0) at Colorado (Márquez 3-5), 3:10 p.m.				
Seattle (Gilbert 0-2) at L.A. Angels (Quintana 0-3), 4:07 p.m.				
RED SOX (Richards 4-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Germán 4-3), 7:08 p.m.				
Monday's Games				
Miami at RED SOX, 5:10 p.m.				
Kansas City at L.A. Angels, 9:38 p.m.				

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	27	23	.540	
Atlanta	26	29	.473	3½
Philadelphia	26	30	.464	4
Washington	24	30	.444	5
Miami	24	32	.429	6
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	32	25	.561	
Milwaukee	31	26	.544	1
St. Louis	31	28	.525	2
Cincinnati	27	29	.482	4½
Pittsburgh	22	34	.393	9½
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	36	21	.632	
San Diego	36	23	.610	1
Los Angeles	34	23	.596	2
Colorado	23	35	.397	13½
Arizona	20	39	.339	17
Saturday's Games				
Cincinnati 5, St. Louis 2				
Miami at Pittsburgh, n				
Washington at Philadelphia, n				
Arizona at Milwaukee, n				
Chicago Cubs at San Francisco, n				
L.A. Dodgers at Atlanta, n				
N.Y. Mets at San Diego, n				
Sunday's Games				
Miami (Alcantara 2-5) at Pittsburgh (Kuhl 0-2), 1:05 p.m.				
Washington (TBD) at Philadelphia (Velasquez 2-1), 1:05 p.m.				
L.A. Dodgers (Bauer 6-3) at Atlanta (Fried 2-3), 1:20 p.m.				
Arizona (Smith 2-1) at Milwaukee (Burnes 2-4), 2:10 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Miley 5-4) at St. Louis (Gant 4-3), 2:15 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 6-4) at San Francisco (Cueto 4-1), 4:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (Stroman 4-4) at San Diego (Paddack 4-2), 4:10 p.m.				



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3	WFSB	CBS News	Eye News	60 Minutes (N) ' ⌚	The 43rd Annual Kennedy Center Honors (N) ' ⌚			NCIS: New Orleans ' ⌚		News	NCIS: N.O.			
4	WBZ	CBS News	WBZ News	60 Minutes (N) ' ⌚	The 43rd Annual Kennedy Center Honors (N) ' ⌚			NCIS: New Orleans ' ⌚		News	Sports Final			
5	WCVB	News	World News	Funnies Home Videos	Celebrity Family Feud ' ⌚			The Chase ' ⌚ (DVS)	To Tell the Truth ' ⌚		News	Sports		
7	WHDH	News	News	Inside Edit. ' ⌚ Hollywood	Extra ' ⌚			7 News at 9PM (N) ⌚	7 News at 10PM (N) ⌚		News	Sports Xtra		
8	WTNH	News	World News	Funnies Home Videos	Celebrity Family Feud ' ⌚			The Chase ' ⌚ (DVS)	To Tell the Truth ' ⌚		News	Kia		
20	WCCT	MLB Baseball	The First 48 "Alias; Duel"	DC's Legends			Batwoman (N) ' ⌚	Friends ' ⌚	Friends ' ⌚	Seinfeld ' ⌚	Seinfeld ' ⌚			
22	WWLP	U.S. Women's Open Golf Championship	Gymnastics U.S. Championships. From Dickies Arena in Fort Worth, Texas. (N) ' (Live)	America's Got Talent "Auditions 1" Variety acts audition. ' ⌚			22 News at 11PM (N)		Funny You Should Ask					
24	WEDH	Ken Burns	Classical Rewind (My Music) ' ⌚	Agatha and the Curse of Ishtar ' ⌚			Great Performances ' ⌚		Classical					
30	WVIT	U.S. Women's Open Golf	Gymnastics U.S. Championships. (N) ' (Live)	America's Got Talent Variety acts audition. ' ⌚			News		Joel Osteen					
34	WTXX	Al Extremo: Fin	Mi pareja puede	Lo que callamos			Lo que callamos		La Resolana					
38	WSBK	Castle "Meme Is Murder"	Castle ' ⌚	NCIS "Institutionalized"			NCIS "Into the Light" ' ⌚		N.E. Living	Two Men	Big Bang	Big Bang		
40	WGGB	ABC40 at 6pm	ABC World News	America's Funniest Home Videos ' ⌚ (DVS)	Celebrity Family Feud (Season Premiere) (N) ' ⌚			The Chase Three new contestants compete.		To Tell the Truth RePaul; Cedric The Entertainer.	ABC40 at 11pm	(C35) NCIS (DVS)		
43	WHTX	Politica ya	Noticiero	Aquí y ahora (N)	Nosotr.			Fútbol		Fútbol CONCACAF Liga de Naciones		Hablemos	Deportivo	
51	WDMR	Decisiones	Noticias T	Exatún Estados Unidos (N) ' (SS)			"Backdraft 2" (2019) William Baldwin. ' (SS)		Noticias T		TYM Zona			
57	WGBY	Classical Rewind (My Music) masterpieces. ' ⌚	Classical	Great Performances "Andrea Bocelli: Believe" Tenor Andrea Bocelli performs.			"Agatha and the Truth of Murder" (2018, Drama) Ruth Bradley, Pipapa Haywood. ' ⌚		Ken Burns: Country Music ' ⌚					
61	WTIC	ThisMinute	ThisMinute	Duncanville	Bless			Simpsons	Great North		The Moodyys (N) ' ⌚	FOX 61 News at 10 (N)	News	Two Men
67	WSHM CBS 3	Floor Police	CBS Weekend News	60 Minutes Ransomware; Sir David Attenborough;	The 43rd Annual Kennedy Center Honors Entertainers receive recognition. (N) ' ⌚			NCIS: New Orleans Sebastian's life is in danger.		News at 11:00pm		(C35) People Weekend		
CW	WWLP	Bob's Burgers ' ⌚	Bob's Burgers ' ⌚	Nightwatch Memorable events on the night shift.	DC's Legends of Tomorrow			Batwoman Luke Fox's life hangs in the balance. (N) ' ⌚		22 News At 10 (N) ' ⌚	Seinfeld "The Pie"	Seinfeld ' ⌚	"Miss Nobody" ⌚	
FOX6		The Carbonaro Effect	Just for Laughs	Duncanville ⌚ (DVS)	Bless the Harts (N)			The Simpsons ' ⌚	The Great North ' ⌚	The Moodyys Sean Jr. and Marco make a sale. (N)	News	Last Man Standing ' ⌚	Last Man Standing ' ⌚	(C35) Modern Family
A&E		Biography: Shawn Michaels ' ⌚				Biography: Bret Hitman Hart (N) ' ⌚			WWE's Most Wanted		WWE's Most Wanted			
AMC		"Witch Hunter" ' ⌚	** "I Am Number Four" (2011, Action) Alex Pettyfer, Timothy Olyphant. An alien teenager must evade those who sent to kill him. ⌚			Fear the Walking Dead A race to stop the launch.			(C03) Fear the Walking Dead "USS Pennsylvania" ' ⌚		(C06) Gangs of London (N) ⌚			
ANPL		Lone Star Law ' ⌚	Louisiana Law ' ⌚			Louisiana Law (N) ' ⌚			Louisiana Law (N) ' ⌚		(C01) Louisiana Law ' ⌚			
BET		(5:00) ** "Law Abiding Citizen" (2009) Jamie Foxx.	(7:55) ** "I, Robot" (2004, Science Fiction) Will Smith.			Bridget Moynahan. ⌚		The Parkers		The Parkers		Family		
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FREEMRM		(4:55) *** "National Treasure" (2004) Nicolas Cage.	(C05) *** "National Treasure: Book of Secrets" (2007) Nicolas Cage.			(C45) *** "Cast Away" (2000) Tom Hanks.			(C45) *** "Thor" (2011, Action) ⌚		Pose "Series Finale" Blanca joins ACTUP. ' ⌚			
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SPRINGFIELD

## Symphony hopeful for abbreviated season

### Musicians union offered contract

By CLIFTON NOBLE JR.  
Special to The Republican

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors has made an offer to the union representing more than 70 musicians in hopes of launching an abbreviated 2021-2022 concert season.

John Anz, interim executive director of the SSO, told The Republican Friday that the musicians union and management must reach an agreement before moving forward with a new season. Thus far, there has been no arbitration initiated regarding a new agreement, he said, although there has been arbitration opened regarding an issue in a prior agreement. The SSO presented the union with

an offer Wednesday, Anz said. The offer applies only to the upcoming season, which he described as “a partial season, beginning in December, and presenting a concert every month or so until the end of the season.” Tom Bergeron, a principal trumpeter and spokesman for the Musicians of the Springfield Symphony, said the offer came only after the group went public with its concerns about the

SSO’s future. “Until our press release went out on Tuesday of this (past) week, we had been waiting for such a response to our most recent proposal for months – since March 6,” Bergeron said. “We have been negotiating this current contract for over a year.” Bergeron said he his fellow musicians are deeply concerned for the SSO’s future. In their view, the failure of the board to renew maestro Kevin Rhodes’ contract, the resignation of executive director Susan Beaudry and the contract negotiating team, and failure to plan a 2021-2022 season were too alarming not to address. “We understand the challenges facing performing arts organizations in this climate and we want to move

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The woodwind section performs at Springfield Symphony Orchestra’s Holiday Celebration at Symphony Hall in December 2019. The Springfield Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors has made an offer to the union representing more than 70 musicians in hopes of launching an abbreviated 2021-2022 season. (THE REPUBLICAN FILE PHOTO)



American troops prepare to land on the shores of Normandy during the D-Day invasion, June 6, 1944, during World War II. U.S. Army infantry troops waded from their landing craft onto Omaha Beach. This marks the 77th anniversary of the invasion. (NATIONAL ARCHIVES PHOTO)

## D-Day, the 6th of June



CYNTHIA SIMISON

THOUSANDS OF miles away this morning, across the Atlantic Ocean, in a cemetery on a bluff that looks down upon the beaches of Normandy in France, Mathieu Guillemant ensures 2nd Lt. John Howard Wheeler is not forgotten.

phibious military operation ever undertaken. The enormity of it all can be gleaned from the numbers: 5,000 ships, backed by thousands more smaller craft; 11,000 aircraft; more than 150,000 servicemen.

The Allies’ D-Day invasion

**The enormity of it all can be gleaned from the numbers: 5,000 ships, backed by thousands more smaller craft; 11,000 aircraft; more than 150,000 servicemen.**

So, too, he remembers and honors Navy Motor Machinist’s Mate 3rd Class Frederick U. Snowman. And Army Pvt. Arthur R. Burrill. And Army 2nd Lt. Murray C. Freedman. These “boys” from Springfield were among the soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who participated in what was at the time the greatest am-

of France on June 6, 1944, turned the tide of World War II in Europe, intent on reclaiming the continent from the clutches of the Nazi regime of Adolph Hitler. It was long before Guillemant, now in his mid-30s, was even born, and he has no familial link to the invasion. A lover of history, though, over the past five years, he

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AGAWAM

## The power of environmental conservation

Eversource teaches workers to spot, save, eastern box turtle



Wildlife biologist Scott Egan and his dog “Mobie” lead a group of Eversource employees and contractors along an Eversource right-of-way in Agawam to show them how to find turtles that are in areas they need to work. (DON TREEGER / THE REPUBLICAN)



Box turtles, above and below, found during training for Eversource employees and contractors along an Eversource right-of-way in Agawam to show them how to find turtles in areas they need to work. (DON TREEGER / THE REPUBLICAN)

By JIM KINNEY  
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THE eastern box turtle – listed as a species of “special concern” by the state – hibernates for the winter in woodland but lives, eats and mates the rest of the year in open scrub and brushland.

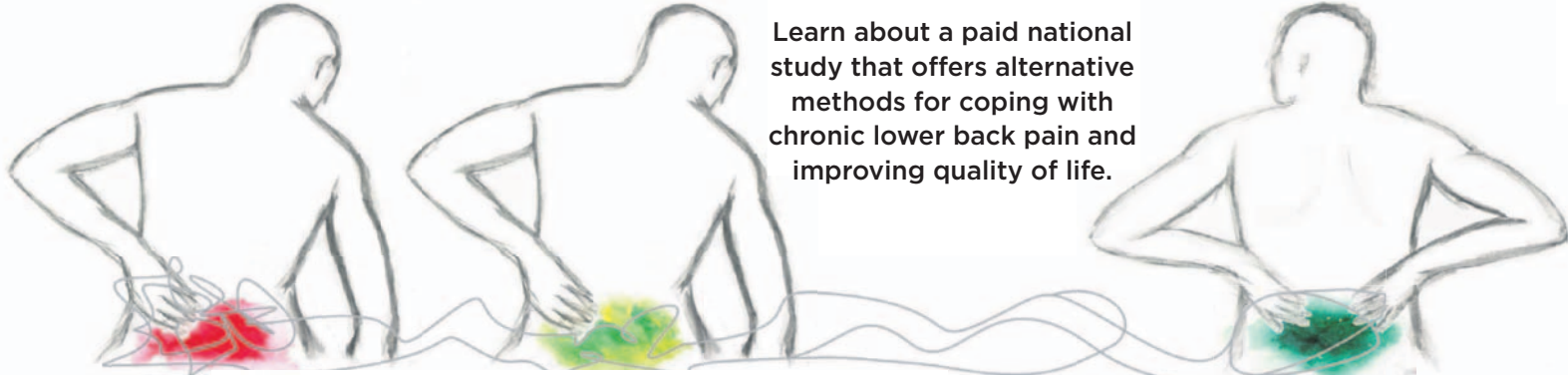
That makes utility rights of way, and the mowing and tree-cutting crews in charge of maintaining those corridors, a dire threat, said

Denise Bartone, manager of environmental permitting for Eversource. Eversource trained 90

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SPRINGFIELD

# Panel defends rate increase

Improvements for aging system, compliance cited

By Peter Goonan  
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The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission told the public last week that its proposed 5.9% rate increase for next fiscal year is due to challenges including improvements needed to its aging system and compliance with regulations.

Staff presented a detailed explanation of the commission's operational and maintenance budget and 54 capital improvement projects during an online budget hearing Wednesday night.

The water and sewer rates increased by 9.5% a year ago. Josh Schimmel, the commission's executive director, said Wednesday a key factor in again raising the rates is "an unprecedented need for investment and modernization of our water and wastewater systems."

"This is not a challenge that is unique to Springfield," Schimmel said. "It is a national issue. With so much of our core infrastructure being 50 years or older, it's a considerable challenge for providing reliable service while simul-

taneously keeping up with regulatory compliance and environmental changes."

The commission was also hurt financially by the coronavirus pandemic, resulting in lost revenues totaling \$4.25 million in fiscal 2020 and continued impacts thereafter, Schimmel said. That was caused in part by the closure of key industrial customers and the partial closure of commercial, municipal and institutional customers, he said.

The three-member commission will consider passage of the fiscal 2022 budget and new rates at its next meeting June 23 at 9 a.m., again conducted remotely due to the coronavirus.

The total operations budget proposal is \$80,391,883 in fiscal 2022, including operations, maintenance and debt service, as compared to \$77,944,061 this year.

The capital improvement program is budgeted for \$11,776,270 and the reserve requirement is \$4 million, bringing the total fiscal 2022 budget to \$96.2 million, said commission comptroller Tony Basile.

Two people had questions for the commission Wednesday, and the board invites additional comments prior to the next meeting by letter, email or telephone.



One area of the Springfield Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility in Agawam.

Commission chairman Daniel Rodriguez said during the hearing that he and other commissioners take the rate issue "very seriously."

"We do our best to try to reduce the cost and reduce the financial burden on our ratepayers," Rodriguez said.

He agreed with Schimmel that updating water infrastructure is a national issue, with federal investments lagging for multimillion-dollar capital improvements.

Schimmel said that the operational and capital costs facing the commission are almost entirely dependent on water and sewer rates. The

rates amount to 95% of the commission's revenues. The commission, as an independent public regional utility, does not get city funds, or state or federal grants, he said.

The commission was able to keep the rate increase down by "innovative financial solutions," Schimmel said.

Those included state and federal agencies approving low-interest loans in recent months that will save the commission and its ratepayers many millions of dollars, Schimmel said. The federal Water Infrastructure Finance

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## SSO

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forward in a financially sustainable way, but the only way forward is together," Bergeron said. "Somehow the musicians and the board need to approach the same page and come to an agreement, not move further away from each other. Somewhere there have to be things we can agree on to get back to the business of doing concerts."

However, Anz said in order to go forward with planning this partial season, staffing it, marketing it, ticketing it, and performing it, the musicians and staff must have an agreement in place as soon as possible.

Without an agreement tailored to a shortened season, the SSO would be bound by the previous agreement, which applies to a full 10-concert season. Such a season is impractical and financially irresponsible for the SSO to offer this late in the game, Anz said.

Due to the pandemic and labor issues, the SSO has not performed at Symphony Hall since March 2020. Symphonies in Hartford, Boston and Albany already have plans for 2021-22 seasons in place.

Last week, the SSO board reached out to subscribers and supporters to address concerns voiced by the Musicians of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra to the media, including the assertion that the board has "effectively shut down the organization."

Anz acknowledged the musicians' complaint about Beaudry's departure and changes with the negotiating team, but added team members been replaced with himself in Beaudry's position.

The only members that have left the board were two whose terms recently expired, said Anz, adding the rest of the board decided to remain in their positions.

**"The sooner we reach an agreement, the sooner we can solidify dates, program the concerts, and go to market. We're not asking people to 'stay tuned' for any longer than necessary."**

John Anz, interim executive director, SSO

They are: chair Robyn Ne-  
whouse, vice president Paul  
Friedmann, Jim Birchall,  
Cynthia Campbell, Arthur  
Elkins, Tony Falcetti, Ali  
Fazaeli, Marsha Harbison,  
Peter Thomsen and Ronald  
Weiss.

While Rhodes' contract as  
music director expired May  
31, ongoing conversations  
with the maestro are part of  
the planning for the partial  
2021-22 season, Anz said.

Concert dates are on hold with  
Symphony Hall and its man-  
agement, MGM Springfield.

The SSO is expecting may-  
be a 50% audience return,  
he said.

"We're not using the  
pandemic as a scapegoat,"  
he said, "but we were facing  
challenges (before COVID)  
and they've been compound-  
ed," Anz said. "We entered  
into strategic planning in  
January 2020, trying to figure  
out things like how to in-  
crease our audience, increase  
our revenue, broaden our ex-  
posure – now we're facing the  
same issues, and in addition  
wondering what audience we  
can expect."

He added, "The sooner  
we reach an agreement, the  
sooner we can solidify dates,  
program the concerts, and go  
to market. We're not asking  
people to 'stay tuned' for any  
longer than necessary. We're  
going to program and market  
a concert season."

## Turtles

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maintenance and vegetation clearance workers Thursday in how to identify and safely move turtles, including the eastern box turtle. It's an annual event conducted at a location in Agawam that Eversource keeps confidential.

The training site is home to more than 200 known eastern box turtles, their shells notched as an identifier and their size measured over time.

Thursday, searches found about 20 of them in an hour.

Biologists can get a rough idea of a turtle's age by counting the annual rings on their shells. But that method gets less accurate as the turtle gets older.

The turtles are known to live 30, 40, 50 years or longer, said Scott Egan, a herpetologist and wildlife biologist with Aecom, an engineering company that works for Eversource.

"Their mortality is high when they are eggs and hatchlings and very young," he said. "But as they get older, they get bigger and their shells get thicker and then pretty much the only thing that can kill them is a car."

Or a mower or a tractor,



Wildlife biologist Scott Egan and his dog "Mobie" show a turtle nesting area to a group of Eversource employees and contractors along an Eversource right-of-way in Agawam during a seminar to show them how to find turtles in areas they need to work. (DON TREEGER / THE REPUBLICAN)

Bartone said. But Eversource needs to keep the rights of way under its power lines clear both for access and to keep trees from growing up into the lines.

"By mowing rights of way on a periodic basis Eversource is not only keeping lines clear for utility purposes, but also creating excellent habitat for rare upland turtles like the eastern box turtle as well as other wildlife that thrive in brushy, open young forests," said Lauren Glorioso, MassWildlife endangered species review biologist. "Today's training gives vegetation management crews the skills needed to find turtles and move them out of the way before mowing. It's a win-win for energy and rare species conservation."

Egan showed workers the remains of an eastern box turtle nest ravaged by a skunk. It dug up the eggs and left the shells to shrivel in the sun.

He told of having protected a nest once with a wire cage. He set up a motion-sensitive camera, too. A skunk tunneled in, ate the eggs and was gone in less than four minutes.

The turtles can be hard to spot, often backing into crevices and underbrush with only one small edge visible. He told contractors to look carefully, using a stick to move underbrush.

Egan also has a not-so-secret weapon: his turtle-sniffing dog, Mobie. The rescued German shorthaired pointer

also does a good job sniffing out snakes, he said.

If a maintenance worker, or anyone else, finds a turtle in the wild, Egan said they should move it to a safe spot nearby. Turtles crossing the road should be moved in the direction they are going. If they get put back where they came from, "they are just going to try again and again," he said.

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MONSON

# Election features several contests

By JIM RUSSELL  
Special to The Republican

There are contested races for Select Board, School Committee and Board of Assessors on the ballot for the annual municipal election Tuesday.

Jessica L. Allen of 56 May Hill Road, Karen Nothe-Valley of 230 Stafford Road and Patricia Oney of 1 Elm St. are seeking one three-year term on the Select Board. Selectman Edward S. Harrison is not running for reelection.

Four are on the ballot for two three-year School Committee terms. Gennie Bailey of 257 Wilbraham Road and Alison Morgan of 82 Stebbins Road are running against incumbents Emily Graves-Harrison of 20 Country Club Drive and Jeffrey Lord of 33 Green St.

Jackie S. Watts Jr. is unopposed for a one-year term on the school board, to fill vacancy created by the resignation of Andre L. Dubois-White.

Assessor Allan E. Curtis of 11 Heritage Lane is being challenged by Christopher W. Haley of 69 Blanchard Road.

Benjamin H. Murphy of 101 Ely Road is unopposed for highway surveyor.

Polls will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Monson Memorial Hall, 198 Main St.

There are no contested races in Palmer’s municipal election, which is also June 8.

Town Councilors Lorinda L. Baker of 38 Chudy St., Barbara A. Barry of 14 Colonial St. and Karl S. Williams of 1462 North Main St. are running unopposed.

Also unopposed are Anthony R. Braden of 9 Peterson Road for School Committee and Norman A. Czech of 2022 Oak St. for Planning Board.

EAST LONGMEADOW

# Contested races, charter amendments on ballot

Voters head to the polls on Tuesday

By EMILY THURLOW  
Special to The Republican

There are two contested races and eight questions for proposed amendments to the town charter on the ballot for Tuesday’s election.

There are two candidates running for one, three-year seat on the School Committee: incumbent Sarah Truoiolo and Dr. Aimee Dalenta.

Truoiolo is seeking reelection to a second term on the School Committee. Her background in public education in Springfield Public Schools extends to approximately 16 years in the field with seven years of teaching in a classroom and the remainder focused on policy work in education. After teaching in the classroom, she shifted her work to become a building-based math coach assisting teachers to develop their pedagogy and practice as well as content knowledge. From there, Truoiolo then became a district administrator, overseeing curriculum, professional development, instruction and different types of assessment opportunities in math for the entirety of the Springfield Public Schools district. This past year, she pivoted out of the supervisor role and into the director of mathematics role for pre-K through 12th-grade, for the district.

When she first sought a seat on the committee, Truoiolo wanted to bring her knowledge and academic work as both a student and practical work as a public educator and district level administrator to the role. After three

years in, she wants to continue that work. Among the areas that she’s proud to have been a part of is that East Longmeadow Public Schools district has been accepted into the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the development of a new high school in town. Prior to the pandemic, in unison with the Town Council, the School Committee was able to secure funding for the purchase of a Google Chromebook or an iPad for every student. As a result, students were better equipped once the district was pushed into remote learning status, she said.

Since coming on board, Truoiolo says that she’s learned a lot about the intersections of government agencies and the need to collaborate, especially when it comes to topics like the district budget to ensure the committee is fairly representing the needs of taxpayers, but also really pushing forward the needs of an entire district.

“From my current position, I wasn’t necessarily the voice advocating for that in my role in Springfield, but in my role on the School Committee, I was the voice having the advocate and balance those two necessary, yet competing interests at time — the needs of taxpayers and the role that they pay in funding the school budget, but also the needs of the budget itself and ensuring that we’re pushing forward at East Longmeadow Schools,” she said.

Moving forward, Truoiolo said one of the areas of concern is reacclimating students into a post-COVID-19 world. She highlighted balancing the academic needs as not every standard wasn’t taught the way it would be in a physical classroom and unfinished

learning — which she noted was no fault of the teacher — with socioemotional needs. She spoke of celebrating the gains that were learned under the circumstances, but also prioritizing some of the challenges that were endured for the past year.

Dalenta has been in education her entire adult life, starting as a fifth-grade classroom teacher in East Longmeadow. When she started her family, she said that she stepped back from her work as a classroom teacher, but kept a foot in the door by running some preschool classes, working for the recreation department in town and serving as the director of christian education for her church.

Initially, Dalenta said she thought these roles would ultimately lead to a path back to the elementary school classroom, but instead shifted her course toward higher education. From there, she went on to teach education as a professor at Springfield College. She earned her doctorate of education in 2019 in American International College in Springfield, and is currently employed as a professor in education and serves as the department chair at Springfield Technical Community College.

Her decision to run was prompted during the pandemic when people were “divided,” she said. Dalenta said that while she never considered being the person that will come in and be able to heal everything, she said she kept hearing that people weren’t being as heard as well as they may be and could provide her assistance there. She cited having much experience with education and making connec-

tions with people. “Working with a lot of people from a lot of different backgrounds, I’m very comfortable in that space of helping people to find some common ground,” she said. “It felt like the right time to do it and something I’ve thought about doing for many years.”

Generally speaking, Dalenta said that across decision-making entities and committees in town, communication can improve. She pointed to the reduction in funding to the school district budget for fiscal year 2022.

“Things happen and there’s obviously a lot of complexities behind the decision-making, but one of the things that I and others saw was really just that communication could be improved a little bit ... so that ultimately there might be a better or different outcome that would be more beneficial, especially for the kiddos in town,” she said.

In addition to the School Committee, there are three candidates running for two, three-year seats on the Town Council. The terms of councilors Donald J. Anderson and Vice President Thomas C. O’Connor both expire this year, but Anderson did not seek reelection. Alongside incumbent O’Connor are candidates Connor O’Shea and Cassandra Cerasuolo. O’Shea works for Big Y as a software developer and ran for one of the two open seats last year, but lost to incumbent Michael Kane and Marilyn Richards. Cerasuolo is the owner of My Main Squeeze on Shaker Road.

All four precincts will vote at Birchland Park Middle, 50 Hanward Hill from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

CHICOPEE

# Municipal buildings to close for Juneteenth holiday

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City buildings will be closed and employees will get an extra day off to recognize the Juneteenth holiday, but schools will remain open.

Instead of taking the day off, teachers will lead age-appropriate lessons and activities about the history and meaning of Juneteenth, which commemorates the end of slavery in the United States.

Gov. Charlie Baker designated June 19 as Juneteenth Independence Day, in a bill signed

in July. This is the first year the holiday will be celebrated.

Since June 19 falls on a Saturday this year, the city will observe it the Friday before. Municipal buildings will be closed and employees will be given a paid day off, Mayor John L. Vieau said.

The city observes all state holidays and it is also a provision in most employee contracts, so it is consistent to give employees the day off with pay, Vieau said.

In addition, Vieau said he wanted to thank city em-

ployees for all their hard work dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic over the past 15 months.

But the holiday falls at an awkward time for the city schools. The school calendar,

which is usually adopted in late April before the end of the previous school year, was set before Baker signed the declaration and did not include the holiday.

The last day of classes for the year is June 21. If the schools were to give teachers and students the Friday off, an additional day would have to be tacked onto the school year, Superintendent Lynn Clark said.

# Increase

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ing and Innovative Act awarded \$251 million for capital improvement water projects, and the state Drinking Water and Clean Water Revolving Fund provided \$47 million for projects, he said.

Combined, the programs will create \$80 million in savings that reduces pressure on future rate increases, the commission said.

Under the proposed rate hikes for fiscal 2022, the average homeowner’s bill is estimated at \$1,303.75, reflecting an annual increase

of \$78, officials said.

The Water and Sewer Commission is not yet eligible for any federal coronavirus relief funds, but is optimistic that it will receive millions of dollars under a future federal transportation fund, Schimmel said.

The commission provided examples of water and sewer rates in other Massachusetts cities and towns, indicating that Springfield is roughly in the middle, Schimmel said.

The commission is proposing to increase the residential water rate from \$3.96 per 100 cubic feet to \$4.19 per 100 cubic feet. The residential sewer rate would increase from

\$6.25 per 100 cubic feet to \$6.62 per 100 cubic feet. The budget and rates are slated to take effect July 1.

The commission provides retail drinking water service to Springfield and Ludlow; wholesale drinking water service to Agawam, Longmeadow and East Longmeadow; and emergency/peak service to Westfield, Southwick, West Springfield, Chicopee, and Wilbraham.

It provides retail wastewater service to Springfield and wholesale wastewater service to West Springfield, Agawam, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, Wilbraham and Ludlow.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

F-35s will take Barnes into future

THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD’S 104TH FIGHTER Wing has been a fixture at Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport for three-quarters of a century. Created soon after the conclusion of World War II, it has played an integral role in the continuing growth and success of the municipal airport. Many of its more than 1,500 members and employees are residents in cities and towns across Western Massachusetts.

Today, the Guard unit is on the precipice of change that may well determine not only its survival amid a rapidly changing military but also the economic future of Barnes. The two are inextricably tied, as the presence of the Guard unit and the services it provides to the airport mean Barnes can be open 24/7, 365 days a year. This gives the airport a very healthy and robust ability to attract commercial and industrial growth to its grounds and to the surrounding region.

A military site survey team is due to visit Barnes in the coming weeks, part of an evaluation by the Air Force on what’s ahead for the 104th. The Pentagon is determining where to deploy its next generation of aircraft to bases across the country.

Gov. Charlie Baker, congressional, state and municipal leaders, along with community partners, are lobbying the Pentagon to select the unit as the site for a new fleet of F-35A Joint Strike Fighters. The alternative is that the unit would receive an updated version of the F-15 Eagles its pilots currently use as they sit alert 24/7 to provide air security over the Northeast. Two decades ago, it was the Guard’s F-15s that first responded in the air to the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks on America.

Along with that federal mission, the 104th also carries out a mission to the state; the state mission saw 104th members over the past year activated for duty during the coronavirus tragedy at the Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke, helping with vaccination clinics across the state and assisting with security at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

There’s been no shortage of financial investment by the state and city over the past decade and longer to help fund infrastructure improvements at Barnes.

The state has tapped its Military Bond Bill repeatedly, with millions of state dollars spent to update and improve the base.

The National Guard at Barnes is one of Western Massachusetts’ largest employers and a major driver of the region’s economy. Together, the Air Guard and Barnes airport employ 2,175 people with a total payroll of \$238.5 million, all creating a total economic output of \$236.8 million.

The 104th and Barnes merit close consideration by the Air Force to be designated among the next Guard units to receive a squadron of F-35 fighters.

It is a move that will serve the Department of Defense, Western Massachusetts and the city of Westfield well for generations to come.

EDITORIAL

Food bank move good for WMass

FOR MORE THAN TWO DECADES, THE CHICOPEE River Business Park, created by WestMass Area Development Corp., has sat largely vacant.

The nearly 80 acres that straddles the Chicopee-Springfield city line, with its easy access to Interstates 91 and 291 and the Massachusetts Turnpike, was lauded for its crossroads locale, certain to be a place that would lure business and industry to set up shop.

Last week’s unveiling of plans by the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts to build its \$22 million new home at the business park is great news, not just for the food bank but also for Chicopee and all of Western Massachusetts.

Hats off to Chicopee Mayor John Vieau, state Sens. Eric Lesser, D-Longmeadow, and Adam Gomez, D-Springfield, and state Reps. Joseph Wagner, D-Chicopee, and Orlando Ramos, D-Springfield, for joining the chorus of those welcoming the food bank and championing the project as it moves forward through the design and permitting processes that will be needed in the coming months.

The food bank invested almost \$500,000 in purchasing a 16.5-acre site along East Main and Carew streets to move its headquarters from Hatfield. The past year of the pandemic has underscored how vital the services it provides are to our region and its people.

We hope this move is a turning point for the future of the business park, just as it is for the food bank to give it the space and the access needed to deliver help to our friends and neighbors at risk of hunger and food insecurity.

This plan to relocate to Hampden County is a strategic one, not just for the food bank, but also for the network of almost 200 independent food pantries, meal sites and shelters from the Berkshires to Brimfield, from Greenfield to Southwick, that benefit from the food it distributes.

SHENEMAN THE STAR-LEDGER



“I USED TO WONDER, IF THE PROMISE OF KEEPING YOURSELF AND LOVED ONES SAFE COULDN’T MOTIVATE PEOPLE TO GET VACCINATED, WHAT WOULD? TURNS OUT IT’S DONUTS.”

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Missing out on vaccine ‘goodies’

IRECALL BACK IN THE winter when the COVID-19 vaccine was made available, people waiting in line outside in cold winter weather to receive their vaccination. People also were waking up at all hours to text for a spot in line to get scheduled for a vaccine. Fast forward to today.

Please get your shot and, if you do, you get a lottery ticket. You can also get free child care while you get your shot, receive a gift certificate at a grocery store and, the best one yet from the office of the presidency, get a shot, get free beer.

The government — federal and state — is now giving people every incentive it can think of to get people vaccinated. I guess those people who were waiting in line should had waited to grab all these goodies.

JIM SOTIROPOULOS  
Longmeadow

Police editorial misses mark

I disagree with your premise that the increase in violence in this country is due to “defunding the police.” (“Refund police may become rallying cry,” The Republican, June 1).

My guess is that in practically every city where a mass shooting has taken place lately, the police have not been “defunded.”

The increase in violence is due to the prevalence and availability of assault weapons and the glorification of the gun culture in this country. It is also due to the rancor that we see in this country, along with the rise of white supremacy and racist ideology.

The radical right gives people permission to act on their deepest impulses. When public figures advocate a military coup, when insurrectionists storm the Capitol with weapons and Congress can’t even agree to investigate what happened, when people are encouraged to get ready for the fight, you will see an increase in violence. And it’s not due to calls to reevaluate policing policies in this country.

TRUDY KNOWLES  
Westfield

COVID shoe will drop soon

It started out as not much to fret about (Dr. Anthony Fauci’s words), then seemingly, with the flick of a switch, we had, in no special order: lockdowns, social distancing, masks, panicked buying (toilet paper), shortages of critical medical supplies and panic

from sea to shining sea.

Rumors were rampant along with the ever-present conspiracy theories. Trump’s fault. China’s fault. Round and round it went.

Pharmaceutical giants toiled tirelessly for a quick fix. Finally, an experimental drug to alleviate the fears of the panicked populace. Like the old Alka-Seltzer jingle, “Oh, what a relief it is.”

Now, it’s fly-in-the-ointment time. Many side effects, some fatal, make taking this elixir problematic at best. Enough has been written and said about the risks involved as to cause it to rain on big pharma’s parade.

Now that spring has taken hold and infection rates are plummeting, the question I would ask, “Is this the result of a natural decline in the virus, similar to the yearly flu, or because of the “warp speed” elixir?”

When fall arrives and flu season is on us, can we expect a recurrence of the COVID-19 virus? This will happen just like the flick of a switch.

Oh, I neglected to say that around half of us have declined the experimental elixir. I refuse to call an experimental concoction a vaccine. It is not. I would venture to say we are far from done with COVID.

When a new outbreak happens, and it will, we will be told it’s the fault of the un-vaxxed causing those vaxxers’ deaths. This is the other shoe waiting to drop.

ROBERT MENARD  
Chicopee

Tornado series remembrance

I have been following The Republican’s series on the tornado, “Remembering the 2011 tornado – 10 years later.” My wife and I have what may be a unique take on it.

We were in the lobby of a hotel in Capetown, South Africa, on June 1, 2011, when a member of our group asked us if we were from Springfield.

When we said yes, he told us that the news had a story about a tornado. We said he must mean Springfield, Missouri, but no, it was our Springfield.

We turned on the news and saw the funnel cross the river. We were astonished. My first thought was, “My gosh, is Albano’s Market all right (for the frozen lemonade).” My wife’s main concern was for the Red Rose (she loves the pizza).

We watched the TV all evening, not believing what we were seeing. The more astounding thing was that the next morning, and for the

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next two days, the Capetown newspapers had numerous stories, and many pictures of the damage.

I can still see the destruction around Roosevelt Avenue and Cathedral High School, as well as the South End and surrounding towns. We were amazed that it was such a big story in South Africa, and on the international cable news shows.

We thanked God that it had missed us, and worried about the people affected. It was quite a shock, especially when we returned and saw the damage for ourselves.

PAUL AND ANNE BASILE  
Longmeadow

Biden’s plan key to address climate

I am writing to you because I disagree completely with the inflammatory and quite untrue statement made by Stephen Moore in his opinion piece in the May 31 edition of The Republican, “Biden’s ‘gas tax’ is a pain at the pump.”

He wrote that the increase in the price of gasoline is “the predictable outcome when we have a president who teams with the radical green left and declares war on American energy.”

Moore seems to be quite out of touch with reality and has not been keeping pace with the changes that are occurring within the energy companies as shareholders rise up to demand a voice in the future direction these large corporations will take.

At Exxon, board members were unseated by energy activists concerned about climate change. A Dutch court ruled that Royal Dutch Shell must reduce its carbon emissions by 45% by 2030.

President Joe Biden’s American Jobs Plan seeks to fix broken infrastructure and build it back better. This means addressing the very real damage that fossil fuel exploration and extraction causes to our environment.

If we want to have a livable planet, then we must make changes now.

The pollution that is poisoning our air and water and advancing climate change at an accelerated rate must be addressed, and this is exactly what Biden is doing with his plan.

Replacing old water pipes that contain lead, repairing our roads, bridges, and

airports and creating millions of good-paying jobs in the process is just the beginning.

We have already seen Ford release its new F-150 (Ford’s most popular truck) in an electric version and more electric cars are being made here in America.

Those vehicles will need charging stations and the development and installation of those charging stations will create more jobs across the country.

We also need to redirect our energy grid away from fossil fuels and toward the development of more power plants that use solar and wind to create electricity. We also need to develop our cybersecurity network so that hacks like DarkSide’s ransomware attack on the Colonial Pipeline do not become a regular occurrence. Keeping a step ahead of these cybercriminals is a necessity.

But most of all, we need government, businesses, and educational institutions to work together to solve the massive problems that we face as a nation.

The president’s American Jobs Plan tackles these issues and has the potential to revive our economy while at the same time addressing the climate catastrophe that is looming if we fail to change course away from the fossil fuels that pollute the air we breathe and the water we drink.

PATRICIA A. COLLINS  
East Longmeadow

Bonds earned spot in hall of fame

Barry Bonds holds the all-time single season home run mark of 73 and the all-time career total home run mark of 762.

When Bonds played steroid use was not against the rules in Major League Baseball.

With a high percentage of big league players using steroids to bulk up, Bonds merely did what 85% of his colleagues were doing. He made the most of it.

It’s time that the abuse Bonds and his family are subjected to should stop, and it’s time to give him credit for a National Baseball Hall of Fame-plus career that puts him in the top five group of offensive players all time.

WALTER KRZEMINSKI  
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GUEST VIEWPOINT

Western Mass: Attractions, Affordability & Access

MEMORIAL DAY weekend marked the traditional start of the U.S. summer travel season. Tourism leaders across the nation are optimistic about the summer of 2021. For an industry that was reeling a year ago, it's increasingly apparent the coming months will feel far more like 2019 than thought possible even weeks ago in terms of likely guest visitation and activity. And there's plenty of cause for that optimism. First, there is massive pent-up travel demand. After a seemingly endless year largely lost to lockdowns and business closures, polls tell us (unsurprisingly) that Americans are tired of staying home and are really missing their loved ones. People of all ages are ready to get out there in a big way, and such terms as "vacation retaliation" and "revenge travel" are being used to describe the cabin-fever-like phenomenon. With the national economy rebounding steadily, it's likely folks will be more eager to spend while traveling. Secondly, Western Massachusetts offers so much to the travel-hungry. We, as marketers, refer to them as our "3 A's": Attractions, Affordability and Access. Western Massachusetts boasts many high-quality, one-of-a-kind attractions and events that are also family friendly, such as the newly renovated Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, the recently reopened Six Flags New England, the Spring-



The Cox family, of Plymouth, views artwork at Springfield's George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum last month. From left are Rylee, 9; Bridget 6; mom Ashley and dad Cameron. (DON TREEGER / THE REPUBLICAN)



MARY KAY WYDRA

field Armory, Yankee Candle Village, the Amazing World of Dr. Seuss at the Springfield Museums, MGM Springfield and many more. There is abundant open space ideal for hikers, bikers, anglers, golfers, rafters and other fresh-air enthusiasts seeking outdoor recreation. We are looking forward to some of our traditional late summer happenings returning this year, such as the fabulous Big E, which will open Sept. 17. And we're thrilled to welcome back the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Induction Weekend. It takes a village, as the saying goes, and after much planning this outstanding weekend of activities will return to Springfield in September. Our location at the junction of the Massachusetts Turnpike and Interstate 91 makes us an easy drive from key Northeast metro markets, plus years of surveys show that visitors consistently rate Western Massachusetts' overall value as high compared to other regions. Taken as a whole, it's pretty tough to beat a combination of

attributes — all in one compact region — that's this strong. While many of our attractions will continue to offer enhanced cleaning and safety protocols, some of our tourism businesses might not be back to pre-COVID staffing levels this early in the season, so please be extra patient during your visit. Speaking of hospitality employees, we're happy to remind visitors that Howdy Award nominations are open right now. Since 1996, this regional program has recognized the outstanding food servers, attractions staffers and others who so enthusiastically welcome visitors coming to Western Massachusetts. Don't forget, if you encounter someone who makes your experience special through exemplary customer service, nominate them online at [explorewesternmass.com](https://explorewesternmass.com) for a May 2022 award. The cheerleaders in us are incredibly happy to welcome back out-of-town visitors and invite those who live right here to take in all that Western Massachusetts offers. It's magnificent in so many ways, and everything's here in your own backyard. Plan well this summer, stay safe, and have fun! *Mary Kay Wydra is president of the Greater Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau; to learn more about the bureau, go online to [explorewesternmass.com](https://explorewesternmass.com).*



The George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum at the Springfield Quadrangle was awarded the 2021 Paul & Niki Tsongas Award this spring, the highest honor given by Preservation Massachusetts. (DON TREEGER / THE REPUBLICAN)

Since 1996, this regional program has recognized the outstanding food servers, attractions staffers and others who so enthusiastically welcome visitors coming to Western Massachusetts. Don't forget, if you encounter someone who makes your experience special through exemplary customer service, nominate them online at [explorewesternmass.com](https://explorewesternmass.com) for a May 2022 award. The cheerleaders in us are incredibly happy to welcome

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DAVID BROOKS | NEW YORK TIMES

If science has anything to say, you may live a lot longer

PHIL MICKELSON just won the PGA Championship at age 50. Tom Brady won the Super Bowl at 43. Serena Williams is a top tennis star at 39. Joe Biden entered the presidency at 78. Last year Bob Dylan released an excellent album at 79. Clearly, we're all learning to adjust our conception of age. People are living longer, staying healthier longer and accomplishing things late in life that once seemed possible only at younger ages. And it's not just superstars. The fraction of over-85s in the U.S. classified as disabled dropped by a third between 1982 and 2005, while the share who were institutionalized fell by nearly half. Researchers distinguish between "chronological age" — how old the calendar says you are — and "biological age" — how old your body seems based on measurements of organ functioning and other markers. It turns out people vary a lot. In a study of more than 1,000 New Zealanders, the slowest-aging participant aged only 0.40 biological years for every chronological year, while the fastest aged 2.44 biological years per calendar year. A lot of this is influenced by genetics, environment and lifestyle. As a whole, Americans seem to be aging more slowly than before. Eileen M. Crimmins, of the University of Southern California, and Morgan E. Levine, of Yale, compared how men 60 to 79 years old aged in 1988 to 1994 and in 2007 to 2010. They found that in those later years, the men they studied had a biological age four years less than the men in the earlier years, in part because of improvements in lifestyle and medications. This suggests that not only are people living longer, they're also staying healthier longer. On one level, greater health

and longevity is an old story. In 1900, life expectancy in the U.S. was about 47 years and now it's about 78. But we may also be on the cusp of something new. Over the course of the 20th century, we primarily aided longevity by tackling disease. In the first half of the century vaccines and other innovations prevented people from dying young of communicable diseases. In the second half, improvements in lifestyle and other medical breakthroughs prevented many people from dying in middle age of such things as heart attacks and cancer. But while these improvements have made it more likely that people will live to be 65, after that, aging itself takes an inexorable toll. Even if you beat lung cancer or survive a heart attack, your body's deterioration will finish you off before too long. The average 80-year-old suffers from around five diseases. That's why even if we could totally cure cancer, it would add less than three years to average life expectancy. A total cure for heart disease would give us at best two extra years. To keep the longevity train rolling it may not be enough to cure diseases. We may also need to address the underlying condition of aging itself, which is, after all, the primary risk factor for late-life decline. S. Jay Olshansky, a professor of epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of Illinois Chicago, has helped define aging as "the accumulation of random damage to the building blocks of life — especially to DNA, certain proteins, carbohydrates and lipids (fats) — that begins early in life and eventually exceeds the body's self-repair capabilities." The question becomes, Can we intervene to slow the aging process? Last week Olshansky emailed me: "While there are

no documented interventions that have been proven safe and effective in slowing aging in humans today, we are on the verge of a breakthrough." That's a view shared by Andrew Steele, author of "Ageless: The New Science of Getting Older Without Getting Old." He describes a series of experimental interventions designed to slow biological processes that are part of aging. For example, as we age, we build up more and more "senescent" cells, which secrete inflammatory molecules that can effectively accelerate aging. In 2011, researchers removed these cells from mice and extended their life spans. Clinical trials on people began in 2018. "Treating aging sounds like science fiction until you've heard about the latest developments in aging biology," Steele writes. He adds, "The crucial moment comes if we can start developing and rolling out treatments for aging that mean life expectancy rises by one year per year. That would mean, on average, our date of death would be receding into the future as fast as we were all chasing it." An era of slow aging could present some real challenges. There are already vast health inequalities. A 25-year-old white man with fewer than 12 years of education has a 61% chance of making it to 65. A 25-year-old white man with 16 years or more of schooling has a 91% chance. Given who gets quality health care in this country, I wonder if the college-educated class would leap even further ahead. Yet despite the disparities, it's likely that all Americans could be living longer, healthier lives. I imagine an 80-year-old bounding from bed, biking in the morning and playing softball in the afternoon. We're all on borrowed time. More time is more life, and more of it will be sweet.

WILLIAM J. BRATTON | THE WASHINGTON POST

Time to reestablish trust

OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, police officers and some of the communities they serve have experienced a crisis of confidence. Trust has eroded in all directions. Much of this stems from the weight of history, particularly the parts of police history that intertwine with our country's legacy of race-based oppression. It has recently been inflamed by outrage over several high-profile use-of-force incidents. Some of those incidents, such as the murder of George Floyd, deserve that outrage. Others do not. But they all deserve scrutiny, and every police leader has a duty to ensure that our profession does not practice or tolerate injustice. But abolition — or even broad defunding — of the police is absurd. Most people want policing, particularly those in marginalized communities. New Yorkers "want to see cops in the community," City Council member Vanessa Gibson, who represents the West Bronx, said during a defunding debate last summer. "They don't want to see excessive force. ... But they want to be safe as they go to the store." The interim head of the city's transit system, Sarah Feinberg, expressed a similar concern in a recent statement. "Our employees and customers agree: 87% of riders say that seeing a visible presence in our system is very important to them," she wrote. The truth is, when the crunch comes, people want more police, not less. Today's crunch is that, after three decades of falling crime rates, the U.S. murder rate surged more than 20% in 2020. The speed at which hard-fought gains are evaporating is alarming. So how do we re-create the necessary trust? Trust starts with accountability. When a use of force is unjust, justice must be as swift as due process allows. Derek Chauvin was fired within 24 hours and convicted within 11 months. All police departments need oversight mechanisms like the force investigation division I established in Los Angeles and re-created in New York. Trust must be anchored in data and context. Bureau of Justice Statistics data show about 61.5 million people had at least one police encounter in 2018. That same year, about 990 people were killed in police shootings, or 0.0016%. About 94% of those 990 people were armed. About 23% of the 990 were Black, compared with 13% of the U.S. population. That's a striking disparity. As tracked by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports, however, the statistics of who commits violent crime — and, more importantly, who is victimized by it — show even greater disparities. In New York City in that year, Black residents were about 23% of the population but 63% of all murder victims and 62% of murder suspects. For shootings, those figures are 73%

**Trust needs transparency. It's always better to tell your own story first, thoroughly and honestly.**

and 73%. That's a complicated context but one that deserves to be examined fully and without preconceptions. Trust needs transparency. It's always better to tell your own story first, thoroughly and honestly. If you can tell it with body-camera videos, all the better. Cops should keep them on and make the footage available to the public, even when it reveals a problem in policing. The videos are more often than not exculpatory, so early release would most often provide context that would reduce tension. Every department should also have an open data portal, and the federal government should mandate wider statistical reporting. Trust comes from listening to the people we serve. Over four decades in law enforcement, I have heard consistently that people want us to prevent crime rather than react to it. We do that by stopping little things before they get big. Unaddressed disorder leads to petty crime, and then more serious crime, and finally violence. But "broken windows," as the policy was called, has become shorthand for racist police behavior and zero-tolerance policing. It is neither. It's about addressing behavior, and enforcement is only one tool — and should not be the first option. Cops have to work with and for the community, not against it. During my second stint in New York, we drove down every enforcement measure, including stop, question and frisk, while continuing to drive down crime. But there are limits. When criminals are caught in the act, are police supposed to let them flee rather than risk using force? If this is what communities want, police deserve credit. Right now, cities are seeing waves of police resignations and finding it difficult to recruit new officers. Considering the studies that show more police equals less crime, this is a problem. We need to hire more officers, train them in de-escalation and crisis intervention practices, and connect them to the communities they serve. To rebuild trust, we need refunding, not defunding. We have significantly reduced crime before. We can do it again if police dig in on our efforts to establish trust with all communities and double down on our shared mission: keeping people safe. *William J. Bratton served as commissioner of police in New York City (1994 to 1996 and 2014 to 2016) and Boston (1993-1994) and chief of the Los Angeles Police Department (2002 to 2009).*



AUTOMOTIVE



The 2021 Kia Soul Turbo is a small SUV with a punchy turbocharged engine and lots of technology features. (COURTESY OF KIA MOTORS AMERICA VIA AP)



The 2021 Mazda 3 2.5 Turbo is a compact sedan with upgraded power and advanced safety equipment to assist the driver in certain situations. (COURTESY OF MAZDA NORTH AMERICAN OPERATIONS VIA AP)

BEHIND THE WHEEL

Edmunds: fully loaded cars worth the price jump

By RYAN ZUMMALLEN  
Edmunds

The average transaction price for new vehicles has been steadily rising over the past few years.

In April it was \$40,545, a 3% increase from the prior year, according to Edmunds data. Some of this jump can be chalked up to people buying pricier trucks and SUVs, but another part of the story is their desire to get all the “bells and whistles,” often found on the top trim levels.

For some vehicles, the juice hardly seems worth the squeeze on your wallet. But for others, the fully loaded version remains attractive even with the jump in price.

Edmunds’ experts have compiled a list of the most enticing top-of-the-line vehicles for their price. Some may offer an exclusive engine with more power, while others include luxury features to make you feel at home inside the cabin. All prices include the destination charge, and

our list runs from lowest to highest manufacturer’s suggested retail price.

2021 Kia Soul

The 2021 Kia Soul is a strong choice in the extra-small SUV category thanks to its roomy interior and long list of standard features, but upgrading to the top-end Soul Turbo comes with even more benefits.

As the name suggests, the Soul Turbo is powered by a turbocharged four-cylinder engine with 201 horsepower — more than 50 horsepower over other Soul models. You’ll also find LED headlights and foglights, a head-up display and upgraded Harman Kardon stereo system to make the interior feel upscale. Finally, adaptive cruise control is added to the Soul’s set of safety technology.

**2021 Kia Soul Turbo, MSRP: \$28,825**

2021 Mazda 3

In any trim, the Mazda 3 is definitely a good buy for a small sedan. But it is especially attractive at the top end of its range. Compared with base models, the Mazda 3 2.5 Turbo Premium Plus gains a turbocharged four-cylinder engine with 227 horse-

power — a big improvement over the base engine. All-wheel drive and 18-inch wheels are also included.

The included safety equipment is what makes this trim really stand out. There’s a surround-view camera and front and rear parking sensors, plus rear automatic braking if a collision with an object is detected. On top of that, Traffic Jam Assist combines adaptive cruise control and steering assist to help reduce fatigue when you’re driving.

**2021 Mazda 3 2.5T Premium Plus, MSRP: \$33,395**

2021 Honda Ridgeline

It seems fitting that the Swiss Army knife of midsize trucks is jam-packed with features. Every Ridgeline, for example, has an in-bed storage trunk and a tailgate that can open one of two ways. Upgrading to the top-trim Ridgeline RTL-E gets you even more useful and clever features.

The Ridgeline RTL-E starts by including standard navigation, ambient interior lighting and a heated steering wheel. Add to that a wireless smartphone charging station, USB ports for rear passengers, and a power out-

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The 2021 Honda Ridgeline RTL-E is a midsize pickup with innovative features, such as a stereo system inside the truck bed.

(COURTESY OF AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO. VIA AP)



The 2021 Hyundai Palisade Calligraphy is a midsize three-row SUV that includes features normally found on luxury vehicles, such as quilted leather and puddle lamps. (COURTESY OF HYUNDAI MOTOR AMERICA VIA AP)

REVIEW

2022 VW Taos hits sweet spot for SUVs

Subcompact arrives at dealers this month

By MARK PHELAN  
Detroit Free Press

After years banging its head on the wall trying to convince American drivers to buy small cars, Volkswagen tried something novel a couple of years ago: selling what we wanted, not what the German automaker felt like building.

The result has been a string of successes. Who could’ve guessed?

Starting with the family-hauling Atlas three-row SUV, and continuing with the five-seat Atlas Cross Sport and a Tiguan compact SUV crafted to fit U.S. tastes, VW sales have risen steadily. At the same time, VW deemphasized its slow-selling sedans and hatchbacks. The process accelerated when VW’s signature technology, the TDI die-



The 2022 Volkswagen Taos subcompact SUV is priced and sized to compete with SUVs like the Chevrolet Trailblazer, Honda HR-V, Hyundai Kona, Jeep Compass and Subaru Crosstrek.

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sel engine, literally went up in smoke, but the brand’s U.S. business is thriving. SUVs account for 64% of sales and VW’s profit on a single Atlas equals what it used to make from eight or nine Passat midsize sedans, U.S. boss Scott Keogh reveals.

VW morphed from a nostalgia act, its appeal based on the 1930s Beetle, into a source for today’s hot vehicles — SUVs — and promoter of tomorrow’s hot technology: electric vehicles.

Arriving in June, the 2022 Taos subcompact SUV completes the first step of that evolution, just as it begins EV sales with the 2022 ID4.

Smaller than the Tiguan SUV, the Taos essentially replaces the Golf compact hatchback in VW’s U.S. lineup. The Taos’ appearance is consistent with the Tiguan, including LED headlights, tail lights and a light bar across the grille.

VW’s Chinese design studio began the Taos. U.S. designers had input on lights and bumpers.

Driving impressions

The Taos comes with a 1.5L turbocharged four-cylinder engine that produces 155 horsepower and 184 pound-feet of torque. Those figures, and the SUV’s acceleration are competitive, but a couple of key differences make the all-wheel-drive model considerably more fun to drive.

Models with AWD — VW calls its system 4Motion — also get an independent rear suspension and seven-speed dual clutch automatic transmission. Front-drive Taoses have a torsion beam rear suspension and conventional eight-speed automatic.

The 4Motion’s IRS provides a smoother ride and better road holding on rough surfaces. Its DCT is faster and more responsive in sporty driving than the FWD’s 8-speed.

The DCT also comes with a driving mode selector that includes sporty shifts, throttle response and exhaust note.

With EPA-estimated fuel economy of 25 mpg in the city, 32 on the highway and 28 combined, the AWD Taos

stacks up well against its most efficient competitors.

The FWD Taos scored 28/36/31 in EPA fuel economy tests. Both versions use regular gasoline. The AWD Taos will cost just \$150 more a year to fuel at current prices, according to EPA estimates.

The Taos’ steering is responsive and direct, with a firm on-center feel. The independent rear suspension keeps the SUV stable on washboard surfaces and in quick maneuvers. It also absorbs bumps better than the torsion beam layout on FWD models.

The Taos isn’t especially sporty, but it’s more than capable in daily driving, with enough acceleration for quick passes.

How much?

Taos prices start at \$22,995 for an S model. VW expects the nicely equipped SE to be the best seller. It starts at \$27,245. The top SEL starts at \$31,490. All prices ex-

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AUTOMOTIVE

General Motors to increase vehicle deliveries to dealers

By JAMIE L. LAREAU  
Detroit Free Press

General Motors said Thursday it is now able to increase vehicle deliveries to its dealers and customers in the United States and Canada despite a massive shortage of semiconductor chips, and that means most of its U.S. assembly plants will not take traditional summer shutdown.

Shipments of Chevrolet Colorado and GMC Canyon midsize pickups built at Wentzville Assembly in Missouri will increase by about 30,000 total units through the week of July 5. Other vehicles are expected to see more deliveries to dealers soon, too.

GM said it is increasing production of the Chevrolet Silverado heavy duty and GMC Sierra Heavy-duty full-size pickups at Flint Assembly by about 1,000 pickups per month beginning in mid-July.

GM said it is able to do this, despite an ongoing shortage of semiconductor chips used in car parts including electrical systems, because the employees at Flint Assembly have come up with ways to improve efficiency on the production line.

“The global semiconductor shortage remains complex and very fluid, but the speed, agility and commitment of our team, including our dealers, has helped us find creative ways to satisfy customers,” said Phil Kienle, GM vice president of North America Manufacturing and Labor Relations. “Customer demand continues to be very strong, and GM’s engineering, supply chain and manufacturing teams have done a remarkable job maximizing production of high-demand and capacity-constrained vehicles.”

‘Help is on the way’

Demand for the chips, which are made mainly by a few big suppliers in Taiwan, has been strong in part because of COVID-19 supply chain disruptions and an increased use of laptop computers, 5G phones and other IT equipment that also use the chips.

GM has started to complete production on the thousands of midsize pickups that were partly built and held for parts that required semiconductor chip parts.

To be clear, GM said this means does not mean it found a bunch of chips. Rather, it is reflective of GM’s process known as “build shy,” which means building as much of its vehicles as it can, less the chips.

GM has been storing tens of thousands of incompletely built pickups, SUVs and vans in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Texas and Mexico.

For example, GM has parked thousands of incomplete SUVs from its Lansing Delta Township plant at a parking lot it leased from Michigan State University until the parts with chips arrive to finish the cars and ship them.

“This was the intended plan all along,” said David Caldwell, GM spokesman. “But the way we managed the supply and shortage was, we set aside those vehicles and with weeks and months of planning, we accounted for when they’d be updated and shipped. We’re telling our dealers now that help is on the way.”



CAREERS & AUTOMOTIVE

MOTORMOUTH

AM stations have convert-to-digital option

By BOB WEBER  
Tribune News Service

**Q:** It should be clarified, in my opinion, that analog AM radio as we currently know it will soon be extinct, but there is an option for stations to convert to digital AM that was recently approved by the FCC. Also, some AM stations are currently using the HD FM format to transmit signals. In my area, WCCO 830 AM simulcasts on 102.9 KMNB-HD2.

— J.N., Minneapolis

**A:** That is good news, at least for some. The Federal Communications Commission will allow U.S. AM radio station owners to convert their stations to all-digital HD Radio transmissions if they choose to do so. The FCC approved it effective Jan. 1.

**Q:** Virtually every time I have my oil changed, when I get home and check the oil level, it is 1/8 to 1/4 inch above the full indicator dot on the dip stick. I assume this is because the mechanic just pours in the whole 5 quarts. This really annoys me, but does it really make any difference to the engine or am I just overly sensitive about it?

— R.R., Riverwoods, Illinois

**A:** Being slightly over the full mark is no problem. One possibility is that the shop is in a hurry (who isn't these days?) and does not allow the oil to fully drain to the last drop. Some of the old stuff may be lingering inside the engine and that's OK.

**Q:** 2014 Chevy Compass. Once a month the battery dies. This happens after not driving for a couple days. Nothing found when left at mechanic overnight to monitor where losing



The FCC will allow U.S. AM radio station owners to convert their stations to all-digital HD Radio transmissions. (DREAMSTIME / TNS)

amps could be. This only started happening about 6 months ago. Purchased new battery but still something drained it. Could alternator be the culprit? Bought the car in 2015.

— T.K., Montgomery, Illinois

**A:** The alternator is an unlikely culprit. Try moving your key fob away from the car. Leaving it on the seat could keep the communication active between it and the vehicle. If that doesn't do the trick, there is probably a parasitic draw somewhere else.

**Q:** I have a Subaru Outback with AWD and 60,000 miles. The dealership keeps pushing me to change the front and rear differential fluids at a cost of approximately \$185-190. The Subaru manual only suggests an inspec-

tion of the fluid and never actually recommends replacing, as they do for brake fluid and antifreeze. When I look online the consensus seems to be that this might be a good idea. I usually follow the manufacturers recommendation but am having second thoughts.

— L.M., Coopersburg, Pennsylvania

**A:** Would like a large fries with that burger? Businesses are in the business of making money. You can say no to the fries and differential fluids. Your option.

**Q:** This question has probably been asked hundreds of times, but I'll ask again. What's the best method to clean a dashboard and keep dust particles from staying away as long as possible?

I really don't trust Armor All, which seems to attract dust faster.

— J. P., Bloomingdale, Illinois

**A:** I feel for you. Some products seem to attract dust like a moth to light. I have asked friends what they use; Meguiar's Ultimate Interior Detailer, Griot's Garage Interior Detailer and 303 All Surface Interior Cleaner keep coming up. I borrowed each and they have worked well. But there are certainly other products. I just can't vouch for them.

— Bob Weber is a writer and mechanic who became an ASE-certified Master Automobile Technician in 1976. He maintains this status by seeking certification every five years. Weber's work appears in professional trade magazines and other consumer publications.



The 2022 Volkswagen Taos subcompact SUV front-seat interior. (MARK PHELAN / DETROIT FREE PRESS / TNS)

Taos

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clude destination charges. Enthusiastic drivers, and those who prize a smooth ride, will want AWD, a \$1,450 option available on all trim levels.

The passenger compartment is roomy at 99.5 cubic feet. I had plenty of leg and shoulder room in the driver's seat, with a reasonable amount of storage in the center console. Rear leg and head room are also good.

There's also good cargo space. The independent suspension intrudes slightly, but even the AWD has 24.9 cubic feet behind the rear seat, 60.2 with it flat. Those figures increase to 27.9 and 65.9 in FWD models. I'd take the AWD's superior ride comfort and handling unless my Taos was going to be a delivery vehicle.

Interior materials present a classy appearance and feel without breaking the bank. The door tops and arm rests have padded vinyl for comfort. The dash top gets a visually matched material that disposes of padding. The dash trim is a low-gloss plastic that looks fine, as do synthetic mesh and pseu-

do-suede upholstery. The controls are easy to use, with a big touch screen. The features that demand dial and buttons — primarily audio and climate — get them. The steering wheel has useful auxiliary controls for cruise control and audio. I spent most of my day with the Taos in an AWD SE, but also drove a FWD SEL that came with a few extra features, including a bigger, more attractive gauge layout, automatic dual-zone climate control, heated steering wheel and a few other features. You can get all that and more on the top AWD SEL model.

Taos prices are generally competitive with similarly equipped small SUVs.

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The 2021 Lexus ES 350 is a midsize luxury sedan outfitted with a premium interior and special suspension parts in its Ultra Luxury trim to smooth out the ride over bumps in the road. (COURTESY OF LEXUS USA VIA AP)

Loaded

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let in the bed. There's an eight-speaker stereo system, and there's even a stereo system within the bed walls that pumps out sound from concealed speakers so they don't get wet.

**2021 Honda Ridgeline RTL-E, MSRP: \$43,595**

2021 Hyundai Palisade

One of the champions of modern value is the Hyundai Palisade, a three-row SUV with a surprising amount of luxury for the price.

That trend is only intensified on the Calligraphy trim.

It includes a number of premium items from the lower Limited trim — including classy interior ambient lighting and two rows of ventilated seats — and turns up the splendor a notch.

Throughout the interior you will find a

suede-like headliner and quilted-leather door panels, materials normally found in much more expensive vehicles.

In addition, there are puddle lamps that illuminate the ground at night, plus wheels and exterior design that are exclusive to the Calligraphy trim.

**2021 Hyundai Palisade Calligraphy, MSRP: \$47,385**

2021 Lexus ES

The Lexus ES is the brand's entry-level luxury sedan and shares a mechanical relationship with the more plebeian Toyota Camry. But if you option the latest ES sedan to its top trim, the Ultra Luxury, it begins to feel like a higher-tier vehicle.

Sure, there's standard navigation, an upgraded stereo and a surround-view camera. But there is also a special suspension setup to reduce vibrations on the road.

The ES Ultra Luxury adds interior accoutrements you will notice right

away too.

The steering wheel is heated to make cold mornings more bearable, and the leather upholstery is a step up from the leather in other ES models. Finally, rear passengers can pull up their window sunshades in the name of privacy.

**2021 Lexus ES 350 Ultra Luxury, MSRP: \$50,025**

**Edmunds says:** We normally advise shoppers to consider a midlevel trim with more friendly pricing.

On rare occasions, however, the top trim presents a wildly different experience compared with cheaper versions. In that case, if it fits your needs and your budget, you might end up pleased you opened your wallet.

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Off The Charts

Technology stocks are in rest mode this year, but what may seem like weakness as the economy recovers is really just dormancy.

Digital devices, software and even cybersecurity will be the key areas for steady growth as consumers and businesses become more digital in how they operate, analysts say. The virus pandemic made that digital shift much sharper when people were forced to work, shop and stay entertained at home and that trend is only going to become more ingrained.

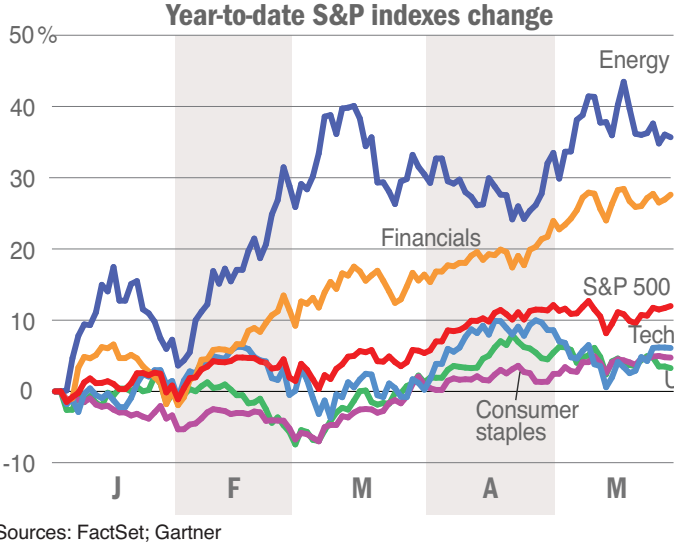
Tech stocks have been quiet most of this year, with a roughly 6% gain, as investors take advantage of growth elsewhere with the economic rebound. It's a sharp contrast to 2020, when the sector surged 42%. And while 2020's sharp growth will likely not be repeated, tech companies and their stocks are poised for long-term growth well past the pandemic.

Tech stocks pause, but poised for growth

By Damian J. Troise; Jenni Sohn

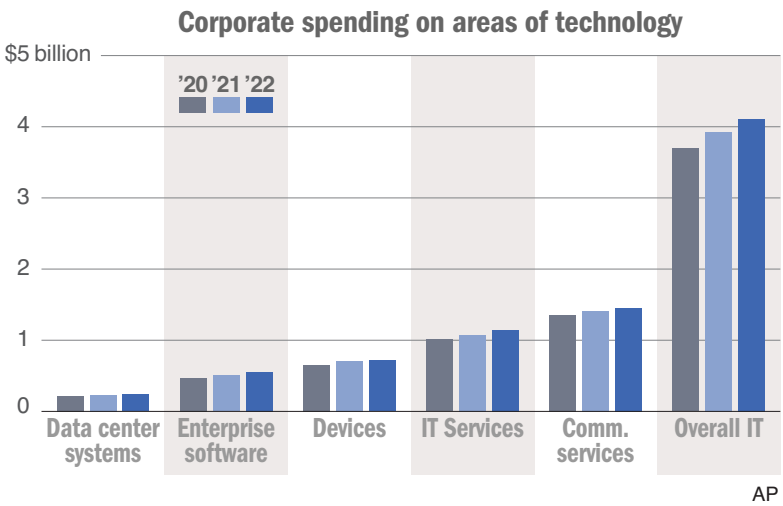
Tech stocks cool in 2021

Technology stocks are taking a breather as other areas of the market become more attractive for investors as the economy rebounds from the pandemic.



Companies invest in tech

Businesses are investing in a digital future as remote work and other trends highlight the need for better cloud computing and cybersecurity, among other areas.

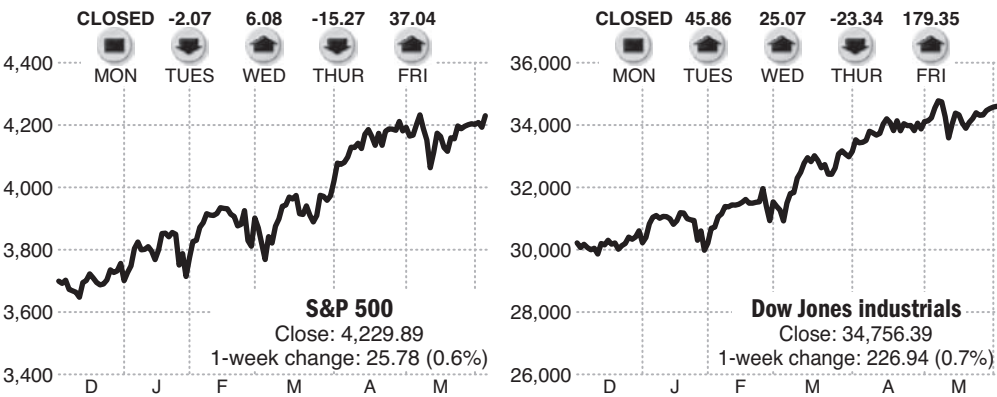


National Averages, Friday: Money Market Account 0.08% 1-year CD 0.30% 5-year CD 0.45% 60-month new car loan 4.20% \$30K home equity loan 4.68% 30-year fixed mortgage 3.10%

Stocks of Local Interest

COMPANY	TICKER	52-WK RANGE	FRIDAY	\$CHG	%CHG	%RTN	WK	YLD
AMC Entertainment A	AMC	1.91 —◆— 72.62	47.91	21.79	▲	▲	2159.9	1019.0 2,177,088 ...
Apple Inc	AAPL	79.30 —◆— 145.09	125.89	1.28	▼	▲	-5.1	55.7 277,862 0.7
Avery Denn	AVY	109.07 —◆— 226.19	220.32	0.47	▼	▲	42.0	92.0 2,097 1.2
Bank of America	BAC	22.39 —◆— 43.49	43.27	1.06	▲	▲	42.8	75.8 165,557 1.7
Barings Corporate	MCI	11.62 —◆— 15.32	15.13	0.23	▲	▲	14.8	13.1 90 6.3
Barings Participat	MPV	10.22 —◆— 13.99	13.66	0.01	▲	▲	15.0	16.1 44 7.9
Berkshire Hills Bcp	BHLB	8.55 —◆— 28.42	28.15	0.40	▲	▲	64.4	166.5 983 1.7
BlackBerry Ltd	BB	4.37 —◆— 28.77	13.86	3.79	▲	▲	109.0	152.1 1,135,125 ...
Danaher Corp	DHR	164.31 —◆— 261.43	242.27	-13.87	▼	▲	9.1	45.4 17,327 0.3
Eversource Energy	ES	76.64 —◆— 96.66	82.04	0.85	▼	▲	-5.2	3.8 7,349 2.8
Ford Motor	F	5.67 —◆— 16.06	15.97	1.44	▲	▲	81.7	152.7 499,890 ...
Gen Electric	GE	5.93 —◆— 14.42	13.96	-0.10	▲	▲	29.3	100.4 223,948 0.3
Globalstar Inc	GSAT	0.29 —◆— 2.98	1.17	-0.43	▲	▼	245.1	251.9 205,443 ...
Hasbro Inc	HAS	69.33 —◆— 101.24	95.24	-0.73	▼	▲	1.8	33.9 2,693 2.9
McCormick & Co	MKC	82.03 —◆— 105.54	89.81	0.75	▲	▲	-6.1	3.7 3,783 3.0
McKesson Corp	MCK	139.77 —◆— 204.66	194.94	2.55	▼	▲	12.1	18.3 4,420 0.9
Newell Brands Inc	NWL	13.06 —◆— 30.10	28.27	-0.42	▼	▲	33.2	113.2 7,159 3.3
NiSource Inc	NI	21.09 —◆— 26.60	25.49	-0.01	▼	▲	11.1	6.8 14,969 3.5
Orbital Energy Grp	CUI	0.45 —◆— 11.20	4.76	1.21	▲	▼	117.4	630.6 292,329 ...
Palantir Technol	PLTR	8.90 —◆— 45.00	24.03	1.08	▲	▲	2.0	0.0 229,397 ...
Peoples Utd Fncl	PBCT	9.74 —◆— 19.62	19.02	0.11	▲	▲	47.1	70.3 12,394 3.8
Pfizer Inc	PFE	31.61 —◆— 43.08	39.15	0.42	▼	▲	6.4	17.7 91,400 4.0
Smith & Wesson	SWBI	12.87 —◆— 27.79	21.46	0.20	▲	▲	20.9	90.9 6,079 ...
Standex	SXI	50.96 —◆— 108.17	99.43	-0.21	▼	▼	28.3	86.3 157 0.9
Stanley Black & Deck	SWK	123.57 —◆— 225.00	212.85	-3.95	▼	▲	19.2	64.1 3,330 1.3
Sundial Growers Inc	SNDL	0.14 —◆— 2.30	1.09	0.12	▲	▼	130.0	36.1 1,966,356 ...
Vertex Energy	VTNR	0.40 —◆— 10.88	8.76	0.95	▲	▲	1130.3	1091.4 199,370 ...
Western New Eng Bcp	WNEB	4.92 —◆— 9.24	8.59	0.08	▲	▼	24.7	64.3 266 2.3
WestRock Co	WRK	25.44 —◆— 62.03	58.97	0.65	▼	▲	35.5	110.2 4,945 1.6
Workhorse Group	WKHS	2.45 —◆— 42.96	13.05	3.68	▲	▼	-34.0	322.0 239,850 ...

StocksRecap



52-WEEK			WKLY			WK	WK	YTD	1 YR
HIGH	LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%CHG.	%CHG.
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16718.67	11525.36	NYSE Comp.	16718.67	16530.20	16708.74	153.09	0.9	15.0	<div><div></div></div> 32.2
14211.57	9403.00	Nasdaq Comp.	13836.17	13548.93	13814.49	65.75	0.5	7.2	<div><div></div></div> 40.8
4238.04	2965.66	S&P 500	4234.12	4167.93	4229.89	25.78	0.6	12.6	<div><div></div></div> 32.4
2780.08	1700.32	S&P MidCap	2750.12	2694.99	2728.67	1.23	0.1	18.3	<div><div></div></div> 42.8
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Zoom boom or doom?

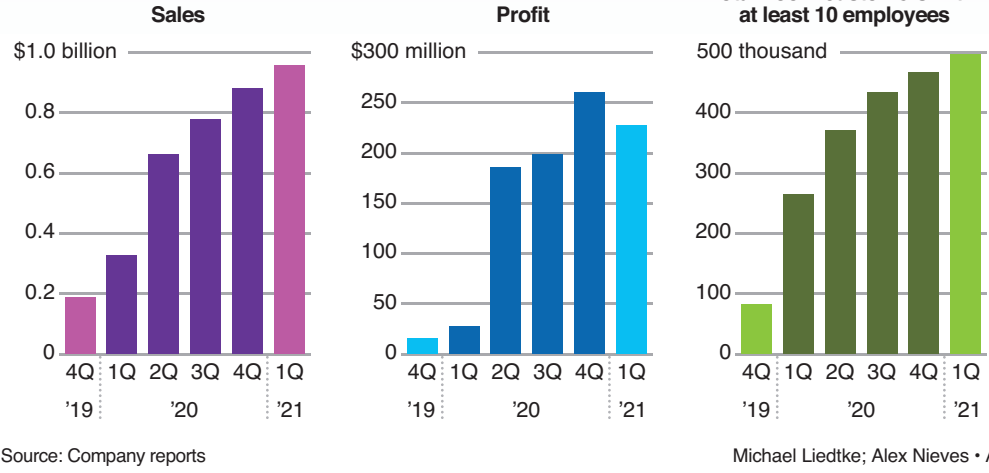
Few companies have prospered from the pandemic as much as Zoom. But there's a huge question looming over the video conferencing service's boom: Will the company be able to sustain the momentum that has tripled its market value during the past 15 months or will it be a flash in the pandemic pan?

Zoom expects its service to remain widely used, reflecting a belief that employers will allow many of their workers to continue to do their jobs from home at least a few days each week. The company signaled its confidence

by projecting its revenue this year will increase 50% to about \$4 billion.

Much of that optimism stems from a huge increase in business customers with at least 10 workers who are paying for the premium version of Zoom's video service. That number now stands at 497,000 customers, up from 81,900 before the pandemic started.

One note of caution: Zoom added just 29,000 big business customers in its February-April quarter. That was the smallest gain in that category since before the pandemic began.

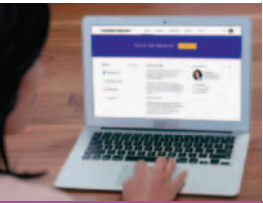


Company Spotlight

e-Signed, sealed, delivered

Shares in DocuSign rose by the most in nine months after the electronic signature company beat first-quarter forecasts and raised its full-year outlook.

San Francisco-based DocuSign Inc., which offers cloud-based electronic signature platforms for business transactions, earned an adjusted 44 cents per share, easily topping analysts' estimates of 28 cents per share. DocuSign served its one millionth customer on the way to sales of \$469.1



million, a 58% increase over the same period last year. The company, which says it now offers secure, identity-proofing electronic notary services, raised its fiscal 2022 sales forecast to up to \$2.04 billion.

"From any vantage point, these are exceptional results that reflect the continued demand engagement we are seeing from our customers across all industries and use cases," said CEO Daniel Springer.

DocuSign climbed 19.8% to close at \$233.24 on Friday.

<b>DocuSign (DOCU)</b>	Friday's close: <b>\$233.24, +38.49</b>	<b>Total return</b>	1-yr	3-yr*	5-yr*
<b>52-WEEK RANGE</b>	<b>Price-earnings ratio: Lost money</b> (Based on past 12-month results)	<b>DOCU</b>	<b>66.5%</b>	<b>59.3</b>	<b>76.8</b>
\$131	\$290	<b>Market cap:</b> \$37.9 billion			

AP \*annualized Source: FactSet

StoryStocks

Wall Street closed out a week of mostly choppy trading with broad gains Friday, pushing the S&P 500 to its second straight weekly gain. Technology stocks were the biggest gainers, while communication stocks and companies that rely on

consumer spending also made solid gains. The rally followed a lukewarm U.S. job market report that raised investors' hopes that the Federal Reserve will keep the accelerator floored on its support for the economy.

<b>Broadcom</b> AVGO Close: <b>\$475.00 ▲10.20 or 2.2%</b> The chipmaker gave investors an encouraging revenue forecast after reporting strong fiscal second-quarter earnings. \$500 \$292.73 52-week range \$495.14 Vol.: <b>2.4m (1.1x avg.)</b> PE: <b>75.0</b> Mkt. Cap: <b>\$193.9 b</b> Yield: <b>3.0%</b>	<b>Lululemon Athletica</b> LULU Close: <b>\$329.52 ▲12.16 or 3.8%</b> The athletic apparel maker raised its profit forecast for the year after reporting strong first-quarter financial results. \$400 \$269.28 52-week range \$399.90 Vol.: <b>2.6m (2.0x avg.)</b> PE: <b>73.2</b> Mkt. Cap: <b>\$41.2 b</b> Yield: ...	<b>DocuSign</b> DOCU Close: <b>\$233.24 ▲38.49 or 19.8%</b> The provider of electronic signature technology raised its sales forecast for the year. \$240 \$131.26 52-week range \$290.23 Vol.: <b>18.2m (6.8x avg.)</b> PE: ... Mkt. Cap: <b>\$45.4 b</b> Yield: ...
<b>The Cooper Companies</b> COO Close: <b>\$381.96 ▼2.13 or -0.6%</b> The surgical and contact lens products maker beat Wall Street's earnings and revenue forecasts. \$420 \$268.92 52-week range \$415.96 Vol.: <b>413.2k (1.5x avg.)</b> PE: <b>79.4</b> Mkt. Cap: <b>\$18.8 b</b> Yield: <b>0.0%</b> SOURCE: FIS	<b>Five Below</b> FIVE Close: <b>\$190.29 ▲12.42 or 7.0%</b> The discount retailer gave investors a strong profit forecast for the current quarter after reporting solid financial results. \$220 \$96.61 52-week range \$205.28 Vol.: <b>1.8m (2.4x avg.)</b> PE: <b>86.5</b> Mkt. Cap: <b>\$10.7 b</b> Yield: ...	<b>MongoDB</b> MDB Close: <b>\$315.27 ▲44.12 or 16.3%</b> The database platform's first-quarter earnings and revenue beat Wall Street forecasts. \$350 \$186.27 52-week range \$428.97 Vol.: <b>3.3m (3.8x avg.)</b> PE: ... Mkt. Cap: <b>\$19.3 b</b> Yield: ... AP

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Money Matters

## When it's OK to let your good credit score drop

By Bev O'Shea  
NerdWallet

If you've worked hard to achieve and maintain a good credit score, it can be upsetting to see it drop. But "life happens, and sometimes how you react is going to blow back and affect your credit score," says credit expert John Ulzheimer. People lose jobs, cars break down and pipes leak. Credit may be your safety net. Painful as it may be, there are times when taking actions that hurt your score are prudent for your overall finances.

### WHEN YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY EXPENSE

If you have a big, unexpected expense that exceeds your emergency savings, using your credit cards to cover it can be a decent option. You may have some temporary score damage from having a high balance on your card for a while. It's generally best to keep balances below 30% of your credit limit, and of course, paying in full every month is ideal. But the damage from a high balance should fade as new, lower balances are reported to credit bureaus.

Don't beat yourself up for not having saved enough. Emergencies don't necessarily match up with when you've saved enough, nor do they come one at a time. Cary Siegel, the author of "Why Didn't They Teach Me This in School?", strongly recommends developing a budget and building an ample emergency fund so you're protected in the future.

### WHEN YOU'RE STRUGGLING TO COVER ESSENTIAL EXPENSES

Sometimes a crisis makes it impossible to cover living expenses. Then, sacrificing a credit score is the lesser of two evils,



Ulzheimer says. If you have to choose between paying your credit card on time and keeping the utilities on, keeping your family safe is more important. If possible, try to make the minimum payment on your credit card before it's 30 days overdue. Your credit card issuer won't be happy and you'll probably have to pay a late fee. But creditors can't report you to the credit bureaus until your payment is 30 days past the due date. If you don't pay in that 30-day window, the creditor can report your account delinquent. That negative mark on your credit report will badly damage your score, and only time will undo the damage. It will stay on your credit report for up to seven years, although the

effect fades over those years. Siegel advises getting in touch with creditors and explaining what happened, when you will be back on your feet and how you plan to repay them. They may be willing to give you more time, and you may be able to prevent damage from a potential late payment or negotiate a lower interest rate, he says.

### WHEN MONEY IS ON THE WAY

Siegel, the father of five young adults, cautions against an over-reliance on credit. But he's willing to make an exception for when income is imminent but bills are already here. A tax refund or payment for freelance work falls into this category. If you know money is coming, credit can be

a bridge until it arrives. Be prepared for a score ding while you're running a high credit card balance, then look for a rebound as you get it back down.

### WHEN STARTING OR INVESTING IN A BUSINESS

Investing in a business is another time you may choose to use credit, but keep the risks in mind. Siegel says that there should be a clear, detailed business plan that's much more specific than a great idea. A good or excellent credit score might mean you qualify for an introductory 0% rate on a credit card. You may also have plenty of room on your existing credit cards to temporarily run a higher balance.

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## The Week In Review

### BIDEN SEEKS INFRASTRUCTURE COMPROMISE

President Joe Biden is trying to break a logjam with Republicans on how to pay for infrastructure improvements, proposing a 15% minimum tax on corporations and the possibility of revenues from increased IRS enforcement as a possible compromise. Biden has proposed increasing the corporate tax rate to 28% from 21% to help fund his plans for roads, bridges, electric vehicles and broadband internet, and that remains one of his preferred approaches. But the rate hike is a nonstarter with Republicans because it would undo the 2017

tax cuts signed into law by President Donald Trump. By floating an alternative — there is no minimum corporate tax now on profits — Biden was trying to give Republicans a way to back infrastructure without violating their own red line of keeping corporate tax rates at their current level. The Washington Post first reported the offer. White House press secretary Jen Psaki said that Biden "looked to see what could be a path forward with his Republican colleagues on this specific negotiation."



### UNITED TO BRINGING BACK SUPERSONIC FLIGHT

United Airlines aims to bring back supersonic travel before the decade is over with a plane that has yet to be built. The airline said Thursday that it plans to buy 15 jets from Boom Supersonic with an option for 35

2029. The airline said the plane will reduce flights between London and the New York area to just three and a half hours and make Tokyo only six hours from San Francisco. It has been nearly two decades since the last flight of the supersonic Concorde, which British Airways and Air France began using in 1976 to zip passengers in luxury across the Atlantic. The Denver company said the 88-seat plane will be capable of speeds up to 1.7 times the speed of sound, or about 1,300 mph. That is slower than the Concorde but much faster than current airliners, which generally have cruising speed around 500 mph.



more once the start-up company designs a plane that flies faster than the speed of sound while meeting safety and environmental standards. United hopes to carry passengers on the plane in

### UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS CONTINUE TO FALL

The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits fell last week for a fifth straight week to another pandemic low, the latest evidence that the U.S. job market is regaining its health as the economy further reopens. The Labor Department reported Thursday that jobless claims dropped to 385,000, down 20,000 from the week before. The number of weekly applications for unemployment aid, which generally reflects the pace of layoffs, has fallen steadily all year, though it remains high by historical standards. The decline in applications reflects a swift rebound in economic growth and the job market's steady recovery from the coronavirus recession. U.S. employers added a modest 559,000 jobs in May, above April's revised total of 278,000, the Labor Department said Friday, yet well short of employers' need for labor.



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## Pandemic debt

How small business owners can tackle pandemic debt

Many small business owners took on debt to cover operating expenses like rent and payroll during the pandemic. In 2020, 79% of small employers (fewer than 500 employees) reported having outstanding debt, up from 71% in 2019, according to a recent report by the Federal Reserve's 12 regional banks. Here are some tips on tackling that debt:

- 1 Timeline** Create a detailed repayment plan. Take a full accounting of what you owe, including interest rates and repayment terms for any business loans or credit card debt. Note grace periods, deadlines and action items, such as applying for forgiveness if you received a Paycheck Protection Program loan. Then, set a reasonable timeline to pay off your debts and start picking them off one by one. If you're juggling multiple loans or credit cards, funnel any extra payments to the debt with the highest interest rate.
- 2 Get lean** Try to trim your expenses and boost your income. To increase revenue: reexamine your business model and look for opportunities to reach more customers or expand your sales footprint. Renegotiate contracts to request payment upfront or offer incentives to customers who can pay in advance.



- 3 Improve debt** Make your debt less expensive by refinancing. You may be able to access a better rate, a lower monthly payment or more favorable repayment terms. The same applies for any business credit card debt you accrued. Consolidate multiple loans into a single small-business loan, preferably with a lower interest rate and monthly payment.
- 4 Free resources** Connect with your local Small Business Development Center or Community Development Corporation. You can also link up with a mentor through SCORE, a volunteer organization that offers free business mentorship. These organizations keep tabs on developments — such as the many changes to PPP loans and rules — and send emails with tips, important deadlines and updates, freeing you up to focus on your business. "Don't feel like you need to do it by yourself. Plug into organizations that will help you stay on top of it," says Alozie.

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## Small Business Monitor

By Joyce M. Rosenberg

### Disaster prep

Summer brings with it the possibility of extreme weather, and business owners need to assess whether they're prepared for a disaster striking their companies. In the event of a hurricane, owners should be sure their staffers evacuate to a safe place and have contact information for one another. Financial data, customer and product records as well as key software programs should be backed up in a safe, remote location and easily accessible by all staffers. This may be less of an issue for companies with internet-based operations, and for those that have operated remotely amid the COVID-19 outbreak, but all owners should evaluate how they'd keep operating during a disaster and its aftermath. Companies should also review their insurance policies and determine if they have adequate coverage — not only in terms of what's covered, but dollar amounts. Owners should remember flooding isn't covered under standard commercial policies. Neither are earthquakes. Some companies may need specialized coverage — for example, a restaurant that could lose thousands of dollars of food in a power outage. Owners should also be sure they have adequate business interruption insurance that will pay expenses if they're shut down. There's plenty of information about disaster prep online. A good place to start is the federal government site [www.ready.gov/business](http://www.ready.gov/business). State and local government websites may have information about preparing for types of disasters that they often contend with.



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## Wireless & Cashless

By Mae Anderson

### Facebook's virtual reality quest



Facebook's Oculus Quest 2 has been one of the most successful virtual reality headsets ever, selling an estimated 2.3 million during the first quarter. That's more than all previous Oculus headsets combined. But it still has a long way to go to break into the mainstream. Most people turn elsewhere when it comes to gaming and other uses like virtual offices. A new update aims to make it more useful. One of the Oculus Quest 2's biggest selling points is that it's wireless. Facebook rolled out an update that includes a way to play PC VR games wirelessly with a smooth display that was previously only available when wired in. Meanwhile, for professional users, the Quest 2 lets you place a virtual desk on your real furniture so you can see and use it with your headset on, making it easier to pick things up and down without taking off your headset. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg says VR will be an important way we interact with computers in the future. "We're going to keep investing heavily in building out the best experiences here," he said.

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# Travel & Living

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## North of Boston

*there's no limit to the adventures you can enjoy*

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**BY CORI URBAN**  
SPECIAL TO THE REPUBLICAN

The North of Boston region offers quintessential New England cities and towns filled with natural beauty, history, outdoor recreation and arts and culture. Take a ride on the 90-mile Essex Heritage Scenic Byway, which spans the length of the region, stopping for fresh seafood, craft beverages, shopping and activities for the whole family. Relax on a beach, go on a whale watch, enjoy an outdoor performance or hunt for colorful murals. “There’s no limit to the adventures you can enjoy safely throughout our region,” said Ann Marie Casey, executive director of North of Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau.

“It’s hard to choose favorite aspects of the area,” she said, but noted The Peabody Essex Museum in Salem is the oldest continuously operating and collecting museum in the United States. It was founded by sea captains and traders who wanted to help people understand the world through the marvels brought back on globe-traveling ships.

“The view from the top of the Crane Estate at Castle Hill in Ipswich overlooking the marshes and Crane Beach is spectacular,” she added. “Not much is better than a sail on a schooner in Gloucester,

followed by a clam bake or lobster dinner and cocktails overlooking the water in Essex or Rockport.”

The area includes museums, breweries, wineries, distilleries, historic sites, beaches, lighthouses, farms, music, theater, arts, whale watches, harbor cruises, shopping, restaurants and outdoor recreation in areas like greater Boston, Gloucester, Ipswich, Lawrence, Marblehead, Newburyport, Rockport, Salisbury, Topsfield and Wenham.

“As a four-season destination, the North of Boston offers visitors things to do year-round,” Casey said. Fall is the most popular season because of the foliage, the Topsfield Fair (America’s oldest county fair) and the month-long Salem Halloween celebration called Haunted Happenings.

Popular places to see include Salem Witch Museum and Witch History Museum; whale watches take visitors to Stellwagen Bank, the whales’ feeding grounds. Casey also suggests having fried clams at Woodman’s of Essex, where Chubby Woodman invented them. See the Fishermen’s Memorial, also known as the Man at the Wheel statue, on the boulevard in Gloucester and take a selfie in front of Motif #1 in Rockport.

“The great thing about

North of Boston is discovering so many of its hidden gems,” Casey said. Go for a hike around Haverhill’s Kenoza Lake. This city-owned conservation area boasts more than 700 acres of open spaces and trails and Winnekenni Castle. Visit the Museum of Printing in Haverhill, the Addison Gallery of American Art in Andover, Lynn Museum in Lynn and Cape Ann Museum in Gloucester for unique and surprising collections that can be explored in an afternoon.

“With 12 lighthouses crowning the coastline and new public art murals popping up in cities across the region, you can plan a scavenger hunt as you explore,” Casey suggested. “Our beaches are as beautiful as anywhere in the world. Plum Island’s Parker River National Wildlife Refuge is a popular stop for migrating birds and bird-watchers.”

Outdoor dining is back this summer and expanded to serve customers safely North of Boston, and live performances are coming back after a year of pandemic hiatus. Theater troupes and concert halls are partnering with outdoor venues to offer safe, engaging entertainment.

The North of Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau Inc. is a private, nonprofit, membership-based organiza-

tion responsible for promotion of Essex County as a travel destination. Its mission is to develop and implement effective marketing strategies to increase the number of overnight visitors to Massachusetts.

Here are some regional signature events for the Summer and Fall. Visit the online calendar at [northofboston.org](https://northofboston.org) for the latest updates.

### June:

- Cape Ann Artisans Open Studios
- ArtsFest Beverly

### July:

- Misselwood Concours d’Elegance - Endicott College, Beverly
- Newburyport Yankee Homecoming

### August:

- Salem Heritage Days

### September:

- Bread and Roses Festival, Lawrence

### October:

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Above: The Big Chill Beach Club, located in Delaware Seashore State Park, has gorgeous views of the Atlantic Ocean from its rooftop bar and patio.(PHOTOS COURTESY OF FRITZ HAHN / THE WASHINGTON POST)

**By Fritz Hahn**  
The Washington Post

Last summer was a difficult one at Delaware and Maryland beaches, as a combination of stay-at-home orders, social distancing requirements and occupancy limits hammered businesses that rely on tourism. But with coronavirus case numbers dropping, this year looks to be as busy as ever, even as restaurants and other businesses face a shortage of workers. If you skipped the beach last year and are planning to head back this weekend, or any time soon, here’s a brief refresher.

**Masks might still be required in some places.**

Ocean City, Md., lifted outdoor mask mandates outdoors in late April - “people have regained their freedom to legally breathe maskless fresh air outside” was how Ocean City Today announced the news - followed by indoors restrictions in May. Rehoboth Beach, Del., waited until May 21 to end outdoor mask requirements in crowded areas, including the boardwalk, making it the last of the Delaware beach towns to do so. The same day, Delaware removed its indoor mask mandate, though visitors who aren’t fully vaccinated are advised to continue to wear masks indoors.

Businesses in both states are allowed to set their own policies about mask usage, so even if you’re fully vaccinated, it’s worth carrying a mask when you’re heading out to dinner, just in case.

**Look for more outdoor dining.**

Walking around Rehoboth’s main drags, you’ll notice bright red barriers have sprung up in front of downtown restaurants and bars, expanding outdoor seating and turning parking spaces into pedestrian walkways. Dozens of restaurants on Rehoboth Avenue and side streets are participating, including such landmarks as the Purple Parrot and Claws. Other businesses are getting creative with their space: The Greene Turtle, which sits on the boardwalk above Playland, has turned its Wilmington Avenue parking lot into a tiki bar with potted palms and rows of picnic tables.

In Dewey, the parking lots of the Starboard and Dewey Beer Co. are full of picnic tables instead of cars, allowing customers to soak up some sun along with their drinks. The extra space is “one of those silver linings we all hope comes from the past 15 months of the covid world,” says Starboard owner Steve “Monty” Montgomery. “Our local government has realized just how nice it is for so many businesses to expand into their parking lots, and how much customers appreciate it and enjoy being outdoors.” Montgomery says they’ll be keeping the parking lot tables through the end of the year, and hopefully beyond.

**Welcome to Biden Country.**

For decades, Rehoboth has billed itself as “The Nation’s

Summer Capital,” because of the number of Washingtonians vacationing there. But that nickname became a reality after the election of President Joe Biden, who owns a summer house in North Shores, just north of downtown. Biden has long been a familiar face in Rehoboth: Both Joe and Jill Biden have hosted book-signing events at the sprawling Browseabout Books, which sells Biden action figures and socks featuring the first dogs as well as books by and about the first couple.

Double Dippers, the decades-old ice cream shop on Baltimore Avenue, offers “The 46 Special,” named after Joe Biden’s favorite order: chocolate chip ice cream in a waffle cone. You might not see the Bidens dropping into Lori’s Oy Vey Cafe for lunch, where their favorite sandwiches are on the menu as “The Bidens,” or visiting DiFebo’s for traditional pasta with red sauce, but the town is bracing for a season of visitors who want to see why the town is a favorite of the Biden family.

**Free family activities abound, up and down| the coast.**

Ocean City is trying to lure families back with free outdoor activities for all ages, including movies on the beach on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (locations vary); family beach games, such as sandcastle-building contests and relay races, on Tuesdays and Thursdays; Sundaes in the Park, with live music, children’s games, and ice cream (for purchase) on Sunday evenings; and, in lieu of weekly fireworks, a drone show with drones flying in formation, set to music, on Thursday and Sunday nights.

Most fireworks displays were canceled last year because of concerns about

crowding, but Ocean City, Rehoboth, Lewes, Del., and Bethany, Del., have all announced that they’re hosting July Fourth celebrations. Additionally, most free outdoor events are returning to the Delaware beaches: Rehoboth is resuming concerts at the boardwalk bandstand on Friday, Saturdays and Sundays, beginning June 11. Bethany’s boardwalk concert series is slimmed down to Thursdays only, starting June 10, but there are outdoor movies on the beach every Monday, beginning June 7.

**Popular breweries have expanded, indoors and out.**

Dewey Beer Co. has become one of the hottest breweries in the region, thanks to its strong IPAs and double IPAs, laced with tropical aromas, and its popular smoothie-like fruited sour ales, released under the Secret Machine and Thrills labels. In early May, the brewery finally unveiled its new production facility and tasting room in Harbeson, Del., located just off Route 9 between Georgetown and Lewes. It’s airy and stylish, with a huge front patio and, more importantly, 20 beers on tap, with fridges full of four-packs to go.

In Maryland, Salisbury’s Evolution Craft Brewing took the opportunity to greatly expand its outdoor seating, turning a portion of the parking lot into a spacious yard filled with Adirondack chairs, shaded picnic tables and firepits. And if your travels take you through Cambridge, note that Poplar Street is partially closed downtown from Friday to Sunday, allowing restaurants and businesses to put tables out in the street, including RAR Brewing, which also opened a new dining room, RAR Eats, adjacent to the brewery in early 2020.

**Take a day trip to Berlin.**

If you need to take a break from the sun and sand, head to Berlin, the small Maryland town outside of Ocean City where the historic downtown is increasingly filled with cool restaurants and shops. There are still some extensive antique malls, full of dinnerware and baseball cards and vintage Coca-Cola glasses to browse, but you will find yourself lingering elsewhere. Viking Tree Trading Co. captures any outdoorsy-hipster vibe, stocking oyster knives, foraging kits, weathered leather messenger bags and new and used vinyl. Down the street, the Bruder Hill boutique serves as a softer counterpoint, with housewares, candles, handbags and work by local artists. World of Toys stocks educational games, wooden European toys and a wide variety of Lego and Playmobil, as well as games and puzzles that will keep the kids entertained at the beach house.

Grab a bite at Blacksmith, a

cozy gastropub with burgers and crab cakes, or have drinks at the new Tiki Tim’s, a casual tiki-themed bar that just opened on a patio behind the Globe, where specials include rum drinks, smoothie-style sour beers from the nearby Burley Oak brewing, and giant sheetpans of nachos topped with fresh-from-the-smoker barbecue.

**Old favorites still offer fantastic views.**

There’s plenty of movement on the restaurant scene: Lewes’ Harvest Tide Steakhouse, which has announced its opening a location in D.C. across from Eastern Market, is working on a location in Bethany Beach. Matt’s Fish Camp, which has locations in Bethany and Lewes, is replacing Ropewalk in Fenwick Island. Ocean City’s B.J.’s on the Water, known for its daily duck feedings, closed in January after 41 years in business.

But two of my favorite views are still around. The Big Chill Beach Club, which opened in Delaware Seashore

State Park in 2017, has the best views of any bar at the Delaware beaches. Look east from the colorful, umbrella shaded tables on the rooftop, and all you see are dunes, a thin strip of sand, and waves stretching off to the horizon. Turn around, and you can catch sunset over the Indian River Inlet and its namesake bridge. The menu is simple beach food, such as tacos and shrimp wraps, washed down with a variety of margaritas and crushes.

Everyone has a favorite outdoor spot in Ocean City, but for me, there’s something great about sitting at one of the tables at Macky’s Bayside with your feet in the sand, eating steamed shrimp caked in Old Bay and drinking frozen rum cocktails or a classic orange crush, waiting for the sun to begin to set toward the end of happy hour. Seats are just feet from the water, making the private cove feel even more beachy than the boardwalk bars that actually face the beach.

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The Arethusa Falls in New Hampshire's White Mountains, April 25, 2021. Across the U.S., a glorious array of waterfalls awaits nature lovers. And what better time to admire them than now, when snowmelt and spring rains add to the drama? (PHOTO COURTESY OF CALEB KENNA / THE NEW YORK TIMES)

**BY ELAINE GLUSAC**  
The New York Times Company

As fall is to leaf-peeping, spring is to waterfall-watching, a seasonal pursuit now underway in the northern and higher regions of the United States.

Waterfalls can range from thunderous plunges to delicate mossy trickles. They can be backcountry pop-ups or the centerpieces of parks, like Great Falls Park in McLean, Virginia, and Silver Falls State Park, near Salem, Oregon.

There's no agreed-upon

definition of a waterfall, according to Joel Scheingross, an assistant professor of geology at the University of Nevada, Reno, who studies those that detach from the bed of a river, creating an air pocket between the face and the water jet. Waterfalls, he explained, can be the result of glacial carving (as at Niagara Falls), or through faults in tectonic plates. Places where hard and soft rock mix often produce waterfalls pouring over a harder rock cap that carve away soft rock below.

"Any area where the water

flow is dominated by snowmelt will get bigger waterfalls now, not just in the northern U.S., but at high elevations too," Scheingross said. "If not snowmelt, you just need big storms."

Especially now, perhaps, as pandemic-weary travelers continue to seek the safety and solace of the outdoors, waterfalls are, as Johnny Cheng, who writes about waterfalls on his website World of Waterfalls, puts it, "metaphors for how life carries on and nature goes about doing

its thing."

The following is a selective springtime guide to waterfalls around the United States.

**New York**

Roughly 6 million acres of the Adirondack Mountains offer waterfall-watching, from the well-known Rainbow Falls at Ausable Chasm, a tourist site since 1870, to the more secluded Gleasmans Falls near Lowville.

OK Slip Falls near Indian Lake lies between them on the

spectrum, impressively high at around 250 feet — one of the tallest in the Adirondacks — reached via a roughly 3-mile trail through rolling woodlands that ends at a pair of overlooks (a short, very steep trail leads to the river below).

"What's nice about OK Slip Falls is you travel a distance to get there, building anticipation," said Stacy Pagoda, owner of Another Paradise Cove, a canoe and kayak rental shop in Long Lake, who offers regional sightseeing advice to visitors. "This year,

we had a big snowmelt with quite a bit of rain, so the water everywhere is moving pretty good right now."

Hamilton County, home to OK Slip Falls, has a waterfall challenge: identifying 19 waterfalls in the area reached via hikes that range from five minutes to several hours, each assigned a point value ranging from 1 (easy) to 4 (difficult, which is OK Slip's rating). Hikers who score 12 or more points may receive a souvenir patch.

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TREASURE ISLAND AND ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

# Adventures of a Roving Foodie



Dishing It Out  
with Tony Ravosa

*Tony Ravosa is a former Springfield City Councilor and President of Vince Group, Inc., a government relations and business development consulting firm. He's also a devoted food aficionado, whose frequent business travels enable him to experience notable restaurants, dining hideaways, and new culinary adventures. As a youngster, Tony grew up in the kitchens of his father's legendary local establishments — the British-themed Harrison House in downtown Springfield and the storied Riverboat in South Hadley. That's where his love of restaurants and cooking began. . .*

Sea Dog Brew Pub,  
Treasure Island

A 1.5 hour trek from Orlando to Treasure Island to visit with my good friend and Sea Dog Brew Pub impresario Fred Forsley at one of his three Tampa-St. Pete area outposts. You're a long way from Portland, ME, baby!

A killer location and build out - the place is awesome! Need a Sunburn Pain Killer (or two) to take the edge off after the long drive from the "Land of the Mouse" to the "Land of TB12." And, once again, I ask, who says

Mondays suck? I could get used to these...Siesta Key Toasted Coconut Rum, real coconut syrup, pineapple juice, garnished with a pineapple wedge and sprinkle of nutmeg. Nice!

Diggin' the Blackened Fresh Gulf Grouper Sandwich crowned with baby arugula, sliced tomato, cilantro remoulade, and squeeze of fresh lemon! Don't miss this spot when visiting Treasure Island or St. Pete Beach - Boston Bruins regular season finale on the big screen an added plus!

A killer location along the Intercoastal Waterway (on Blind Pass Inlet) overlooking the appropriately-named Devil's Elbow (Channel), which you're certain to anatomically have at the conclusion of happy hour!

My pal - Shipyard Brewery founder and native Maine-iac, Fred Forsley - has done a remarkable job of completely transforming the long-vacant, former Captain Kosmakos Bar & Grill into a fun, open air, boozy mecca for locals, party animals, boaters, snowbirds, and sun worshipping New Englanders escaping the frigid winter weather. The only thing missing here is legendary crooner John L. Morgan and his guitar! Could a future winter residency at Sea Dog Brew Pub Treasure Island be in the cards for the Cape Cod Happy Hour King? This place has #Gronk87 written all over it! Although I don't think there's a slip big enough for #TB12's new yacht.

VIP Mexican-American  
Cuisine, Treasure Island

You can take the boys out of Springfield, but you can't take Springfield out of the boys!

One of the great things about Facebook is connecting with

there are half a dozen falls that will be dry by mid-June or just a trickle unless there's a heavy rainstorm," he said.

At nearly 100 feet, Moxie Falls, in the central Kennebec Valley, where the Dead and Kennebec rivers meet in a region known as The Forks, is among Maine's highest falls, with the added attraction of easy accessibility. A well-maintained trail of about half a mile reaches the water, a popular swimming hole in summer.

Gulf Hagas, near Brownville in central Maine, has often been called the "Grand Canyon of Maine" for its series of slate gorges, rock walls, and falling and rippling water along 4 miles of the West Branch of the Pleasant River in the Appalachian Trail corridor.

From the same trailhead, ditch the crowds by hiking just over a mile to Hay Brook Falls, "prettier than Gulf Hagas and easy to get to," Westrich said

Minnesota

The United States and Canada technically share 120-foot High Falls in Grand Portage State Park, where the Pigeon River forms the international border in northern Minnesota on Ojibwe tribal lands.

"High Falls is the biggest of the plunges, the last big one the river takes before it lazily makes its way to Lake Superior, not quite 2 miles to the lake," said Travis Novitsky, the park manager.

"It's pretty common to get a rainbow when the water is high," he added, noting the angle of the viewing platform to the falls, an effect also visible by moonlight.

In addition to seeing Minnesota's highest falls, accessible by a paved trail, explorers can take a challenging 4.5-mile round-trip hike over rugged, rocky hills, crossing a ridge with panoramas of the river and Lake Superior, to reach more remote Middle Falls.

Grand Portage is on the north end of the 145-mile drive from Duluth along Lake Superior, stringing together eight state parks, most with their own waterfalls, includ-



friends who just happen to be in the same neighborhood you're in, if even for a fleeting moment. And one of the best things about Treasure Island is forever popular The VIP Mexican Restaurant & Lounge. Haven't been here in

ing Tettegouche State Park, home to another High Falls, the second tallest in the state.

California

Dropping an impressive 2,425 feet, Yosemite Falls in Yosemite National Park is the icon of the Eastern Sierra Nevada range, peaking in May and June and dwindling to a trickle or drying out by August. But there are many more in the region where waterfall chasing is a spring pursuit.

"There are a lot of hiking trails in canyons outside of Yosemite where waterfalls are delights to discover," said Allan Pietrasanta, a back-country sportsman and a board member of the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center, who cautioned that the snowpack is about 60% of normal this year, which will eventually slow the flows.

Still, many of the high-elevation areas remain closed until snowplows dig out the roads in spring. When that happens, Devils Postpile National Monument near Mammoth Lakes will open, usually by mid-June, offering opportunities to see the namesake basalt columns as well as 101-foot-tall Rainbow Falls, the highest waterfall on the Middle Fork of the San Joaquin River, and named for the rainbows that tend to form in the mist. It is reached via a roughly 3-mile, round-trip hike.

Nearby falls include Twin Falls, tumbling out of Lake Mamie, and 270-foot Horsetail Falls on the 16-mile June Lake Loop road.

Idaho



nine years - not since the 2012 Republican National Convention in Tampa, when the Connecticut Delegation was housed directly across the street at the Bilmar Beach Resort with Hurricane Issac rolling in.



Upper Mesa Falls is a waterfall on the Henrys Fork in the Caribou-Targhee National Forest. (PHOTO COURTESY OF ISTOCK)

Mesa Falls. A mile downstream via the Mesa Falls Scenic Byway, the water then tumbles through a smaller chasm known as Lower Mesa Falls.

"In spring, the falls are thundering," said Susan McKenna, who manages the falls site.

Though located at a 6,500-foot elevation, Mesa has the advantage of being accessible, especially for families, many of whom are on their way to Yellowstone when they stop by the falls. The round-trip hike to the viewing platforms is around half a mile, and a walk on a nature trail will add 2 miles.

The byway has been plowed, but the road may be icy and the visitors center will not open until around Memorial Day.

"People have been calling already to find out if we're open," McKenna said. "We're

But what better place to get together for margaritas this afternoon with my good friend, former pee-wee hockey teammate, Cathedral High School classmate, and retired Massachusetts State Police Detective Peter Konstantakos, down here for a few days along with Springfield real estate magnate Dan Knight and their wives. Kitty Hawk, NC had the adventurous Wright Brothers, and, in Springfield, we had the capitalist Knight Brothers!

Nothing's changed about VIP. Still solid Mexican fare and killer margaritas - made with Herradura Tequila, of course! Gotta have a Chicago-Style Grilled Burrito done TR's way - surf and turf, that is. I'll take a steak and shrimp combo (how novel!) and please do it "wet" - doused in red burrito sauce and melted cheese. I just made this up combining two dishes - awesome! But such is the story of my life...Doing Mexican TR-style!

Five Bucks Drinkery,  
Downtown St. Pete

TR takin' names and meeting new friends on a bar hop through downtown St. Pete yesterday with my buddy and Shipyard Brewery honcho Fred Forsley.

From left-to-right, Five Bucks Drinkery and Banana Hammock Tiki Bar owner Josh Connell (who had the good sense to marry a Connecticut girl!), the aforementioned Mr. Forsley, yours truly, and Fred's fellow Maine-iac Nat Getchell, Co-Owner of Scarborough, ME-based Portland Pie Company, producers of fresh private labeled pizza dough - in fact, 25,000 lbs. of it a day! Soon to be stocked at Big Y World Class Markets. Nat's #RollingInDough. Meeting him provides the impe-

tus for me to install a new pizza oven on the patio at Casa Ravosa!

Oh, the places you'll go and the people you'll meet.

Gratzzi Italian Grille,  
Downtown St. Pete

So I happen to think my Hawaiian shirt looks better than Hodgie's...He disagrees. But I just can't argue with a guy who won two Stanley Cups as part of the Big Bad Bruins! Great seeing my good friend, former Bruins' right winger and mainstay of "The Espo Line" Ken Hodge and his better half - wife Mary - for dinner in downtown St. Pete.

Gratzzi Co-Owner Dominic D'Angelo enraptures us with his table side preparation of the signature house dish - Cavatelli "Bada Bing". Lots of sparks, flames and spewing molten lava cheese. Don't try this at home unless you have a fire-retardant ceiling in your kitchen! I later learn that Gratzzi's other co-owner, Tony Mangiafico (a fabulous last name for a guy who runs an Italian place!), is a relative of former Enfield, CT Fire Chief and 91 Supper Club member Frank Alaimo and his wife Carm. It's a Sicilian thing.

House made ricotta cavatelli, flambéed inside the Grana Padano cheese wheel, and then sautéed with San Daniele prosciutto, chopped tomatoes, fresh basil, and vodka (preferably eight times distilled Ice Pik Vodka, a premium vodka produced in, where else, but Maine!). Can't eat too much of this as it's very rich, but oh so good! Last I looked, Dominic's eyebrows were singed, but still intact. And, thankfully, nobody got whacked!

Facebook/Tony Ravosa

## Waterfalls

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New Hampshire

More than 10 waterfalls seasonally gush with high-country snowmelt and spring rain in and around Crawford Notch State Park in the White onally gush with high-country snowmelt and spring rain in and around Crawford Notch State Park in the White Mountains. The highest in the state, Arethusa Falls, drops over a nearly 200-foot cliff face.

Two of the park's falls, the ribbonlike Silver Cascade and Flume Cascade, can be viewed from roadside stops. Others require a hike on trails that may be muddy or snowy this time of year.

"You can do a lot of hiking if you want to," said Clare Arentzen, a senior outdoor guide with the Appalachian Mountain Club in New Hampshire, noting that the moderate 3-mile, round-trip trail to Arethusa Falls can be looped to the Bemis Brook Trail to reach the tiered Bemis Brook Falls for "more bang for your buck."

Throughout the White Mountain region, Chris Whiton, a nature photographer who regularly shoots waterfalls, estimates that there are more than 100 named falls in shapes from flumes to drops to steps. He uses 19th-century guides published by railroads and hotels to find often unnamed waterfalls that have fallen off the map.

"Waterfalls are fun because they have such personality, and each is a little different," he said.

Maine

Many of the cascades and falls in Maine are ephemeral and dependent on snowy winters, according to Greg Westrich, the author of "Hiking Waterfalls Maine," which identifies about 100 falls in the course of 67 hikes. Because this year was relatively dry, he urges waterfall watchers to act soon.

"In Acadia National Park,

not Old Faithful, but we're getting there."

Washington

There are at least 150 waterfalls in Mount Rainier National Park, about 85 miles south of Seattle. But the unofficial count is much higher.

"There are times of year that if you counted every place where water is running and dropping, you probably have thousands in the park," said Kevin Bacher, the park's volunteer program manager. "There's a good reason we're in a region called the Cascades."

It might take until July for the snow, which averages 53 feet annually in the 5,400-foot Paradise area, to melt. Snowmelt and water from 25 glaciers on the 14,410-foot namesake peak produce a prolonged torrent that starts in April and works its way to

higher ground in summer.

"The park is best known for its mountains and grand scenic vistas, so a lot of times people miss the forest trails where you see the waterfalls," Bacher said.

For a mix of seasonal and year-round falls, he recommended the lower-elevation Eastside Trail, introducing "a waterfall every quarter-mile or so" along the roughly 13-mile, one-way trail. The trail, which has several access points for shorter treks, follows the Chinook Creek and Ohanapeosh River through dense forests past a series of falls, including two-tiered-plunge Ohanapeosh Falls and "a bunch that aren't named."

From a roadside lot, visitors can easily visit Narada Falls, where the icy waters of the Paradise River sail nearly 180 feet over ancient andesite volcanic rock.



LIVING

Paws on the Town; great meals for great cause

People have been talking about the joy that comes with resuming activities that were considered normal, pre-pandemic, and one at the top of the list for many has been dining out at restaurants.

With that in mind, Dakin Humane Society is proud to announce an exciting new event called Paws on the Town. On June 22, a number of restaurants throughout the Pioneer Valley will be donating either 15% or 20% of their proceeds to help the animals and programs at Dakin. If you want to grab a take-out order, or prefer outside dining, many venues will be able to accommodate that as part of the event. In addition to the dine out



Paws on the Town will aid the Dakin Humane Society.

event on June 22, people are encouraged to visit any number of participating restaurants throughout that month. With each visit, they earn a chance to win restaurant or gift cards that will be drawn at the end of June, with prizes being mailed to winners. According to Dakin’s Director of Development and Marketing Stacey Price, “So many people and businesses were hard-hit last year, but few as badly as the restaurant industry. Dakin, a nonprofit organization, is lucky to have such a dedicated community of animal lovers throughout the Pioneer Valley, and we want to rally them to go

dine at these restaurants and show their support. We want to help give back to the community that has been by our side so often during the pandemic. Among the restaurants participating in Paws on the Town are: ■ **Ice Cream Alley (221 Main St., Greenfield):** In addition to serving local favorites and the best vegan ice cream in the Valley, they also offer Puppy Scoops (ice cream for dogs), with a special free Puppy Scoop weekend June 12-13. (Hint: National Best Friends Day is June 8. What better way to celebrate with your pup



On June 22, a number of restaurants throughout the Pioneer Valley will be donating either 15% or 20% of their proceeds to help the animals and programs at Dakin, including The Munich Haus, located at 13 Center St. in Chicopee. Above is a 2015 file photo of diners at the restaurant. (THE REPUBLICAN FILE PHOTO)

the following weekend than going out for ice cream?) ■ **1636 North (220 Worthington St., Springfield):** Elevated dining featuring delicacies like Deep Fried Lobster Tail, Nine Cheese Truffle Mac & Cheese and an array of daily specials.

■ **Munich Haus (13 Center St., Chicopee):** This German eatery embodies the best of Bavarian heritage and culinary delights, like Schnitzels, Goulash and sausages. ■ **Nosh Café (1341 Main St., “The Shops at Market-place,” Springfield):** Nosh, which is open for lunch,



LEE CHAMBERS

serves up a creative menu of soups, sandwiches, salads, burgers and desserts. ■ **Thai Chili Food Truck (on a road near you!):** Bottega Cuccina rolled out this delicious array of light finger foods and one-dish meals packed with flavors and farm-fresh ingredients. For a full listing of participating restaurants, and additional information about Paws on the Town, please visit [dakinhumane.org](http://dakinhumane.org). Hope to see you dining in style on June 22! Lee Chambers is media relations and development specialist of the Dakin Humane Society. Dakin delivers effective, innovative services to animals in need and the people who care about them.

GILBERTVILLE

Weir River Jazz plans outdoor church concert

By CORI URBAN  
Special to The Republican  
“At Last” Jazz fans can attend a Jazz concert as Weir River Jazz performs an outdoor concert on S June 13, at the Stone Church in Gilbertville at 283 Main St.

The number “At Last” by Warren/Gordon will feature Donna-Lee DePrille vocals. Other tunes included in the 2-set program are Bye Bye Blackbird, Cry Me a River, Sweet Georgia Brown, Sunny Side of the Street and Look of Love.

“A live Jazz performance is more than just ‘live.’ It is spontaneous, it is creative, it is exciting!” said John P. Sacco, Jazz ensemble director and lead alto. “It stimulates parts of the brain that normally are somewhat inactive. Listening to the coordination, the rhythms, the different sounds of the instruments, the improvised solos offers an experience that cannot be found in other types of music.”

He played in the North High School Band and the Catholic Youth Council Band — both in Worcester, and his first paid gig was a private house party in Paxton when he was 15. After some time in the First Air Force Band and a stint in Vietnam he attended Boston Conservatory and then taught public school instrumental music. He was “fortunate to perform with the Doc Bastarache Big Band out of Westfield State College and The Flying Fortress, another great Big Band from Central Massachusetts,” he said.

Music plays an important part in the enrichment of the human spirit, Sacco continued. “There has always been a ‘need’ in human beings to express musically. Whether it was with banging stones or rhythmic drumming on hollow logs, music provided that unique sense of satisfaction and creative accomplishment that can’t be found in any other way.”

Following the pandemic shutdown, this free community concert is the first in-person event at the Stone Church. “The concerts were conceived in a spirit of hope ... and are presented in a spirit of joy in bringing people together again,” said Judy Edington, Friends of the Stone Church president.

The free concert will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. The public is invited to bring

IF YOU GO

**Event:** Weir River Jazz performance  
**When:** Sunday, June 13, 2 to 4 p.m.  
**Where:** Stone Church, 283 Main St., Gilbertville  
**Cost:** Free  
**For more info:** [FriendsOfTheStoneChurch.org](http://FriendsOfTheStoneChurch.org)

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JUDY EDINGTON, FRIENDS OF THE STONE CHURCH PRESIDENT

lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Refreshments will be available, and COVID-19 public health guidelines will be in effect.

The concert will take place rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, it will be moved into the sanctuary of the Stone Church, which Sacco said, has “amazing acoustics.”

The program is to be recorded and perhaps broadcast by Ware Community TV.

Partial funding for the concert comes from the Mass Cultural Council.

The jazz ensemble will be performing in Ware in July and Oakham in August.

Friends of the Stone Church also will present “Swing into Summer” by the Weir River Concert Band, on June 27 at 2 p.m.

Friends of the Stone Church is a non-profit community organization presenting the concert. The mission of the group is to preserve and protect the Gilbertville Stone Church and to facilitate its use by and service to the regional community. It seeks to use this historic landmark as a place of cultural and community enrichment.

For more information, go online to [FriendsOfTheStoneChurch.org](http://FriendsOfTheStoneChurch.org).

“In prison, you’re a non-person — a number... to have someone greet you by name, that was amazing. They don’t reduce you to the worst thing you’ve done.”

MICHAEL DUTHLER



Michael Duthler, 48, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, center, laughs out loud after the president jokes about Duthler receiving his diploma last, during the Calvin University Class of 2020 Commencement at LMCU Ballpark in Comstock Park, Michigan on May 22. (KIMBERLY P. MITCHELL / DETROIT FREE PRESS / TNS)

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

Inmates serving life sentences celebrate college graduation

Calvin Prison Initiative enables prisoners to study, earn bachelor’s degrees

By DAVID JESSE  
Detroit Free Press

His tassel draped correctly from his cap and his graduation robe carefully arranged so just the top of his maroon and gold tie showed, Michael Duthler extended his fist toward Bill Corner for one last fist bump. “You look like a college graduate,” Corner said.

Nearly three decades earlier, the two men’s paths crossed. Corner, then with the Grand Rapids Police Department and now the director of campus safety, was involved in the stakeout of a couple of places police expected to find Duthler, who was wanted in connection with the murder of one of his running mates in a loose gang. Duthler was eventually arrested and pleaded guilty to second-degree murder — a conviction that came with

a life sentence, with the possibility of parole. It was also the start of a journey that found Duthler standing on the stage at Calvin University’s commencement ceremony last month, reading Scripture before receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree, part of the inaugural bachelor degree class of the Calvin Prison Initiative. He was one of 28 graduates in the 2020 and 2021 classes granted degrees during the May 22 ceremony. While a few, like Duthler, are out on



Todd Cioffi, director of Calvin Prison Initiative, right, hugs Michael Duthler, 48, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, after receiving his diploma during the Calvin University Class of 2020 Commencement at LMCU Ballpark in Comstock Park, Michigan, last month. (KIMBERLY P. MITCHELL / DETROIT FREE PRESS / TNS)

parole, the majority of students are still in prison, many serving life sentences. After the ceremony, after a bottleneck in the recessional was created by a pile of students stopping to hug Duthler, now 48, as they walked past, after posing for one last photo, he looked at the diploma he was holding in his hands. He had always doubted himself, still had internal discussions about whether he could make it, he said. “This is always what I am going to

point at” when those doubts arise in the future. Then his thoughts turned again. “I was thinking about the guys inside who can’t have this day, at least not yet.” **The path to graduation** In the early 1990s, Duthler was involved in what he calls a small gang — although there was no formal structure to it like other gangs. He was involved in the murder of one of the members of the gang and arrested. On Nov. SEE **INMATES**, PAGE D6



THE NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY CROSSWORD

(ANSWERS ON PAGE D8)

YOU DO THE MATH

BY JENNIFER NEBERGALL / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Jennifer Nebergall, of Boulder, Colo., is a former finance director at the University of Colorado. She started doing crosswords several years ago over Sunday brunch as a weekly tradition with her husband. Since the birth of their child, though, they have shifted to doing crosswords during naptime. Jennifer writes, “Having spent my career in finance and analytics, this theme appealed to my dual loves of math and wordplay.” It is Jennifer’s crossword debut. — W.S.

**ACROSS**

1 Supply for an ultimate Frisbee team

6 2019 box-office flop described by one critic as “Les Meowsérables”

10 Picks the brain of

14 Extemporizes

19 “Why should \_\_\_\_?”

20 Feeling tender

21 Apartment, in real estate lingo

22 How spring rolls are cooked

23 Oscar-winning actress born Mary Louise

24 One side of a 2015 nuclear agreement

25 It’s irreversible

26 University of Florida athlete

27 “*That was great!*” — “*No, it stank!*”

31 Setting for Jo Nesbo’s best-selling crime novels

32 They have stems and white heads

33 Mild, light-colored cigars

36 Have because of

38 Drive (from)

39 Recurring pain?

42 *Route 70 in {Route 10, Route 95, Route 101, Route 70, Route 25}*

4 5Snitch

47 Hit film set aboard the spaceship Nostromo

48 Cereal grain

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51 Modern party-planning tool

52 Lofty

53 Collector’s item

55 Word after combat or cowboy

58 What two Vikings have explored

59 Royal staff

61 Sort represented by the 🍌 emoji

64 Fruits often used in sushi

66 *Cattle in [cattle/pigs]*

69 Burrito condiment

73 Vodka mixer

74 Hopeless predicament

79 Birthstone for Hillary Clinton, Kamala Harris and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

80 Toffee bar brand

82 What the nose knows

84 Major move, for short

85 “... unless you disagree”

87 Naturally occurring hexagonal crystals

90 “Dames at \_\_\_\_” (Broadway musical)

91 Was fed up

92 Comics character with the dog Daisy

95 *Bear x tiger*

98 “Billions” airer, for short

99 Et \_\_\_\_

101 Hamilton, to Burr

102 Green cards, informally

103 Offering to a houseguest

105 Hardly any

106 *Car in {plane, car, train, horse, car, car, train}*

113 Pong company

114 Shakespeare character who inquires, “Are your doors lock’d?”

115 Greet grandly

116 Provide funding for

118 Was accepted

119 \_\_\_\_ mess, English dessert of berries, meringue and whipped cream

120 Its merchandise often comes with pictorial instructions

121 “Set Fire to the Rain” singer

122 Part of a golf club

123 Mathematician Descartes

124 Credit-application figs.

125 PC platform popular in the 1980s

12 Long, loose robe

13 Leave momentarily

14 Brief evocative account

15 Diarist Nin

16 “Hello \_\_\_\_” (old cellphone ad line)

17 Subatomic particle

18 Some nice cameras, for short

28 Wife of Albert Einstein

29 Wipe out, slangily

30 “\_\_\_\_ deal”

33 Has a tête-à-tête

34 Pale pinkish purple

35 Light-footed

36 Muhammad’s father-in-law

37 Cause of a smudge

39 First work read in Columbia’s literature humanities course

40 Like some news coverage

41 Squeeze

43 “Nice going!”

44 Crux of the matter

46 Rating for risqué shows

50 \_\_\_\_-in-the-hole (British dish)

53 Whale constellation

54 Massive ref. books

56 Have things in common

57 Like music that uses conventional keys and harmony

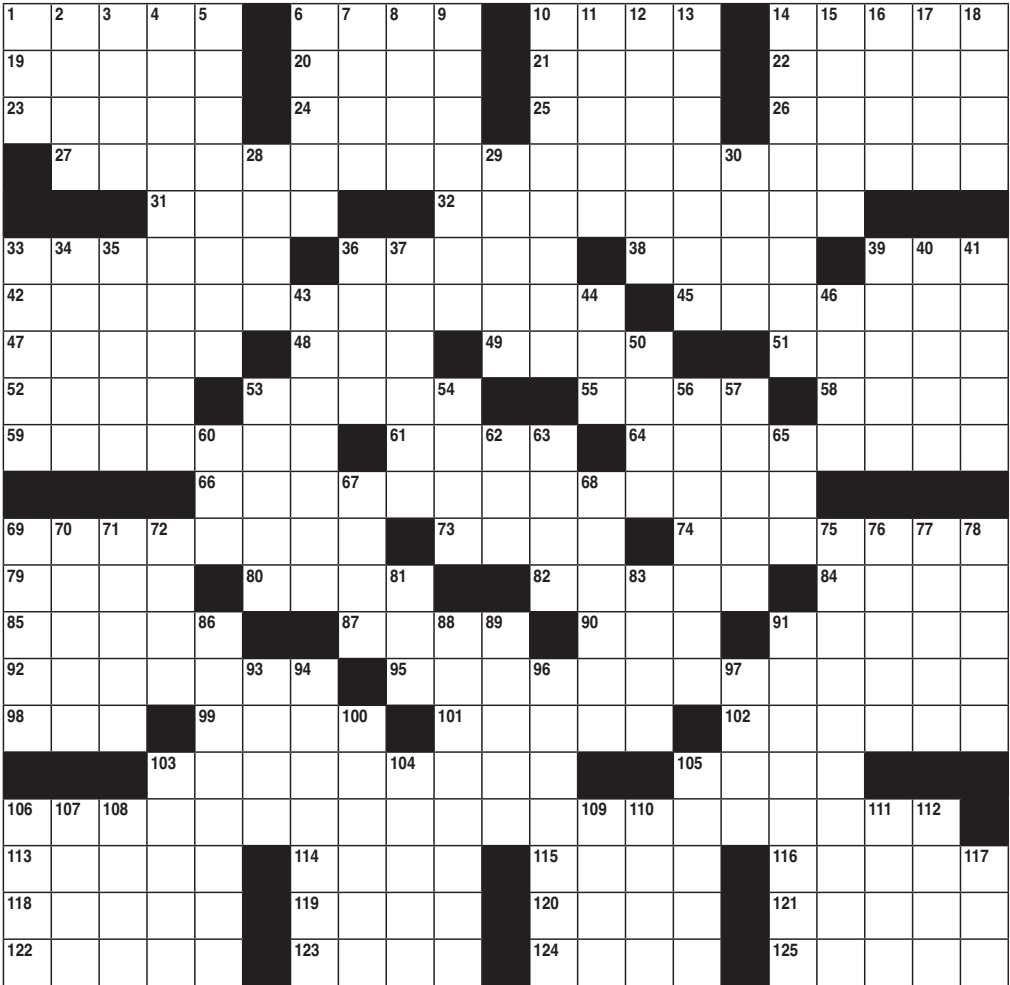
60 Org. whose website has a “What Can I Bring?” section

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71 Style of “Roxanne” in “Moulin Rouge!”

72 Drawn out

75 Easterlies

76 Done again

77 Chef Waters who pioneered the organic food movement
- 78 Mrs. \_\_\_\_, “Beauty and the Beast” character

81 Kind of vaccine used against Covid

83 Slippery

86 Partly

88 Two-person meeting

89 Certain sots

91 Words often replaced when singing “Take Me Out to the Ball Game”
- 93 Disney character who says “Some people are worth melting for”

94 Less sportsmanlike

96 Where the King lived

97 Tennis’s Nadal, familiarly

100 Make sparkling

103 Font flourish

104 Tease

105 Cartographic collection

106 In Touch and Out, for two
- 107 Texter’s “Then again ...”

108 Cloud contents

109 Trees under which truffles might grow

110 “De \_\_\_\_” (response to “Merci”)

111 Took too much, for short

112 \_\_\_\_ contendere

117 \_\_\_\_ Moore, antipoverty entrepreneur of the Robin Hood Foundation

ALMANAC

Today is Sunday, June 6, the 157th day of 2021 and the 79th day of spring.

**TODAY’S HISTORY:** In 1844, the Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA) was founded in London.

In 1889, a fire destroyed all of downtown Seattle, Washington.

In 1944, 155,000 Allied troops landed at Normandy, France, on D-Day as Operation Overlord, the invasion of Europe, began.

In 1982, Israel invaded Lebanon.

In 2002, President George W. Bush proposed consolidating 22 federal agencies under a single, Cabinet-level Department of Homeland Security.

**TODAY’S BIRTHDAYS:** Diego Velazquez (1599-1660), painter; Nathan Hale (1755-1776), soldier; John Trumbull (1756-1843), painter; Alexander Pushkin (1799-1837), poet; Karl Braun (1850-1918), physicist; Thomas Mann (1875-1955), author; V.C. Andrews (1923-1986), author; Robert Englund (1947-), actor; Harvey Fierstein (1954-), actor; Bjorn Borg (1956-), tennis player; Jason Isaacs (1963-), actor; Paul Giamatti (1967-), actor; Natalie Morales (1972-), TV journalist.

**TODAY’S FACT:** Basketball, racquetball and volleyball were all invented at YMCA facilities.

**TODAY’S SPORTS:** In 1946, the Basketball Association of America, which would later become the National Basketball Association, was founded in New York City.

**TODAY’S QUOTE:** “In books we never find anything but ourselves. Strangely enough, that always gives us great pleasure, and we say the author is a genius.” — Thomas Mann

**TODAY’S NUMBER:** 87 — seasons Shankweiler’s Drive-In, the oldest drive-in movie theater in the United States, has been in operation since opening in Orefield, Pennsylvania, in 1934 (the theater reopened in 2021 after being closed during 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic). The first drive-in movie theater opened in Camden, New Jersey, on this day in 1933.

Woman can’t figure out why boyfriend won’t move in

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been in a relationship for two years with a man I love very much. We’re both in our early 20s. I have a house. He lives with his parents and is going to school.

Last year, after living together for a few months due to COVID, I invited him to move in with me. It took him five months to even give me an answer about whether he wanted to. It has now been eight months since he went back home to his parents. He says he “will” move in, but won’t commit to giving me a date.

I have been blown off by him for his family multiple times, and I know it’s not something that’ll ever change.

I’m wondering if we’ll last, or if I should take a step back in the relationship. - SEEING SIGNS IN MARYLAND

**DEAR SEEING SIGNS:** If your boyfriend wanted to live with you, he wouldn’t have gone back to live with his parents. If he wanted more of your company, he wouldn’t blow you off. Unless you are a masochist, this romance with him won’t last, and you should DEFINITELY take a step back in the relationship, if not step OUT of it entirely.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am wondering how to handle finding a hair in your food or on your plate while eating at home, or even while eating at a friend’s? I try to prevent it

from happening by tugging gently at my hair, pulling out the loose ones and brushing off my sleeves and shoulders before I start cooking. However, once or twice a month, my husband finds one and complains about it, sometimes loudly. Of course I don’t do it on purpose! It embarrasses me and makes me feel horrible and defensive.

Should he mention this, or let it pass? If we were at a friend’s house, I know he wouldn’t say anything, and I wouldn’t either, for fear of causing embarrassment. - SHEDDING IN TENNESSEE

**DEAR SHEDDING:** Finding a foreign object in one’s food — regardless of what it

is, can make someone lose his or her appetite. Because it happens “regularly,” consider preventing the problem as many professional chefs do while preparing food. Wear a hairnet, a scarf or a hat while cooking. Or, perhaps your husband should prepare his own meals.

**DEAR ABBY:** We are part of a close group of six couples who have a great time together. Although our political philosophies and worldviews are different, we always have adult and stimulating discussions. The problem is, one of the couples doesn’t believe in the COVID vaccination. We’d like to have a BBQ, but only with those of

us who have been vaccinated. Is there a way we can do this without hurting the feelings of that couple? — READY TO SOCIALIZE, BUT ...

**DEAR READY:** It depends upon whether they feel the same way regarding wearing masks and social distancing. Diplomatically discuss your concerns with this couple. It would be better than excluding them and having them find out about it later.

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Inmates

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5, 1992, after he accepted a plea deal and pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and a felony firearms charge, he was sentenced to life, with a possibility of parole.

Over the next couple of decades, Duthler moved around the Michigan prison system, like most prisoners do. He learned various vocational trades. Worked as a clerk. Learned to interpret for deaf inmates and taught himself Spanish so he could help inmates who didn’t read English.

He also took every possible unaccredited, noncredit class offered in whatever prison he was in, whether it was a poetry class or a literature class.

Then in 2014, he almost had a chance to go home on parole. At the time, he was thinking about going into something in the building trades when he was released. Because of a disability — he walks with a cane now — he was thinking of working in finish carpentry and then heading into religious ministry. But he didn’t get out.

Then, he heard about the Calvin Prison Initiative.

In 2015, Calvin University, Calvin Theological Seminary and the Michigan Department of Corrections formed the CPI, a first-of-its-kind program in the state of Michigan that provides inmates with a chance to earn a bachelor’s degree

from Calvin University, even while in prison. The goal of the program, which is funded entirely by private donations and grants, is to improve prison culture and curb recidivism rates by equipping prisoners with an education.

Each year, 20 students are selected and enrolled in the five-year program, through which they earn a bachelor’s degree. They complete the core requirements for adult learners and major in faith and community leadership. The CPI students take the same classes as those at Calvin’s main Grand Rapids campus, such as “Oral Rhetoric” and “Fundamental Questions in Philosophy,” along with ones specifically oriented toward faith and community leadership, such as “Christian Formation, Practice of Discipleship” and “Foundations for Pastoral Care.”

Duthler was unsure about applying to the program.

“I didn’t think I was smart enough,” he said. “I was a Grand Rapids native. I knew about Calvin. I knew they had high rigor.

“One of my friends said, ‘You’ve been doing all these other classes, getting As, you can do this.’”

Duthler was also worried about how those accepted into the program would be treated by other inmates.

“I didn’t know if I could spend five years looking over my shoulder for some dude jealous I’m getting an educa-

tion and they aren’t.”

He ended up applying and was accepted. He was housed at Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility in a section dedicated to the CPI. His cellmate was in the program as well.

The students took classes and even had access to laptops to write papers and do research, something unheard of in the prison.

“In prison, you’re a non-person — a number,” Duthler said. That wasn’t the case when he was in class. “To have someone greet you by name, that was amazing. They don’t reduce you to the worst thing you’ve done.”

Armondo Benavidez, also a 2020 graduate, echoed that sentiment.

“It’s given me hope that I can be more than my worst mistakes,” he said in a release from Calvin. “Even in a hopeless environment, I now have the tools to help reroute the downward spiral that hopeless prisoners tend to get pulled into.”

Duthler was paroled on May 22, 2018, and started attending classes on Calvin’s main campus. He also worked in the CPI office. He finished in the spring of 2020, but, like all other members of that graduating class, had in-person ceremonies taken away by COVID-19.

Until May 22, when Calvin scheduled two in-person ceremonies — one for the class of 2020 and one for the class of 2021 — at the home ballpark

for the West Michigan Whitecaps, a minor league baseball affiliate of the Detroit Tigers.

**The ceremony**

About a half-hour before the start of the ceremony, Duthler sat out of the sun in the visitors’ dugout along the first baseline. Because he would be reading the Bible selection during the ceremony, he sat with the rest of the platform party, including the school’s board and highest administrators.

After applying some sunscreen, Duthler took a selfie with the field behind him, set for the coming graduation with chairs in the infield and a large stage at about where second base would be.

As various college administrators and staff walked through the dugout, he exchanged greetings, often pointing out where his mom was sitting in the stands, under some shade on what turned into a sunny, sticky hot day.

With everyone in their place to begin, the large video screen played a video of Calvin musicians singing a song of blessing. Duthler sat on a bench, his cane next to him, singing along.

Then, the ceremony — Calvin’s 100th baccalaureate ceremony and the first with the word “university” on the diploma instead of “college” — began, and Duthler joined the line of dignitaries waiting to go out on the field.

The platform party was announced over the ballpark’s public address system like they were a baseball lineup. Duthler was introduced as batting fifth and exchanged fist bumps with the others as he took his place along the first base foul line.

The ceremony then proceeded, including Duthler reciting John 9:1-5, the story of Jesus healing a blind man.

When all the speeches were done, students strode across the front of the platform to get their degrees as their names were announced. After 12 minutes, all were done.

Well, all except one.

Calvin President Michael Le Roy stood at the podium, took a breath and announced “Michael Duthler.”

A smile on his face, Duthler walked to the front, accompanied by applause from the crowd. He got his degree and gave a slight bow as he headed back to his seat.

Then, in a blur, it was over. Duthler had his bachelor’s of social work, something he is using in his job at Fresh Coast Alliance, a group working on reentry and recovery.

“Instead of being an agent of destruction, which I very much was when I was 19 years old, I am now striving every day to be an agent of renewal,” he told the Free Press a couple of days before the ceremony. “I am more than my past. I am more than my worst mistake. You can’t help but want to pay it forward.”



HOROSCOPE

**If today is your birthday:** Dream on, but not at the expense of your taking care of your responsibilities. You need to step up and do things according to well-thought-out plans, good organization and sound judgment. A logical approach to life, love and happiness is the best way to achieve what you desire. Be prepared to work hard.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) - Take time to think before you speak or take action. Use your intelligence to sidestep disagreements. Getting along with everyone will encourage others to offer help and suggestions.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) - Place more emphasis on the way you look and feel and your relationships with close friends and relatives. Look for safe ways to socialize and improve your surroundings. Make your health a priority.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) - Do your homework, know what you are up against and leave nothing to chance. Seize the moment and dazzle everyone with your knowledge and insight. Express your needs, and work to realize your dreams.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) - Do things your way. Explore your options and lean on your creativity and imagination to help you overcome any obstacles you face. Embrace change instead of running from it.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) - Put your force and influence where they will bring the highest return. Refuse to bend to someone trying to take advantage of your generosity and good nature. Speak up, and work independently.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -

Team up with someone who shares your sentiments and is willing to work to make a difference. Refuse to let anyone railroad you into something that might jeopardize your position.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Keep your thoughts to yourself, and share facts and figures that will help you make your point. How you conduct yourself will determine how others respond. Discipline will be necessary.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Control your emotions as the day unfolds. Base your decisions on facts, not on what someone wants you to believe. Keep your money and possessions in a secure place.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Be the driving force behind your ideas and plans, and you won't be disappointed. Take heed of what others say, but in the end, do what fits your schedule. A moderate approach will pay off.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Implement necessary changes, and keep moving forward. Home improvements are favored as long as you stay within budget. An opportunity to connect with someone you lost touch with will pay off.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Avoid persuasive people. Set your mind on what you want to achieve, and put your plans in motion. You'll have the discipline to finish what you start and make a necessary change.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) - A personal pick-me-up will improve your day. Refuse to let what others do or say ruin your plans. An idea you have will encourage more significant interaction with friends and relatives.

In race to spread kindness, this kid is a champ

By GINA RICH  
The Washington Post

When Orion Jean's parents entered him in a national speech contest with less than 24 hours to prepare, they had no idea the experience would lead to something so much bigger.

Orion worked quickly to record a video for the 2020 competition, held by Think Kindness, an organization that aims to inspire acts of kindness in schools and communities. In his speech, Orion focused on the idea that "kindness is easy, it can be free, and it can make someone's day a whole lot better," he said.

Not only did Orion win the contest, he also put his speech into action by creating the Race to Kindness, a series of events spreading kindness around the world. For his efforts, the fifth-grader was named one of America's top 2021 youth volunteers by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

Being in the hospital is difficult for kids, especially during a pandemic. After the contest, Orion started a toy drive - called the Race to 500 Toys - for children at a hospital near his home in Fort Worth, Texas.

"I knew that I could help,"

LEARN MORE

- You can watch Orion's award-winning video for the 2020 National Kindness Speech Contest at [think-kindness.org/featured-kindness/kindness-speech-winner-orion-jean](https://think-kindness.org/featured-kindness/kindness-speech-winner-orion-jean).
- To find out more about the Race to 500,000 Books, go to [racetokindness.com](https://racetokindness.com).

said Orion, now 10 years old. "And that made me want to."

With his prize money from the contest and support from the community, Orion was able to donate 619 toys to Children's Health hospital in Dallas.

That success motivated him to set a more ambitious goal. By fall last year, Orion was busy with his next project, the Race to 100,000 Meals. "I was seeing so many people that didn't have access to food," he said, "or were waiting in long lines to get small meals."

In partnership with TangoTab, which connects food relief organizations to people in need, the event collected more than 100,000 meals for families in Texas.

An avid reader, Orion loves how a good story can transport him to an imaginary world - and he wants more people to experience that. With support from national and regional partners, he launched the Race



In last fall's Race to 500 Toys, Orion donated 619 toys to a local children's hospital. (MCDONALD JEAN)

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Orion Jean

to 500,000 Books, a donation drive that runs through July 31.

There are several ways to participate, Orion told KidsPost. You can mail or drop off new or gently used books for the event, or start a collection to benefit your local community. "Even if [you're] not directly donating to us, if a child or an adult gets a book, then that's a win," he said.

Organizing a donation drive is one way to practice kindness. But small, deliberate acts are just as important. "It can start

off with a positive thought or being kind to someone," said Orion.

His speech offered suggestions, such as leaving a nice note for a neighbor or asking your parents how you can help them at home.

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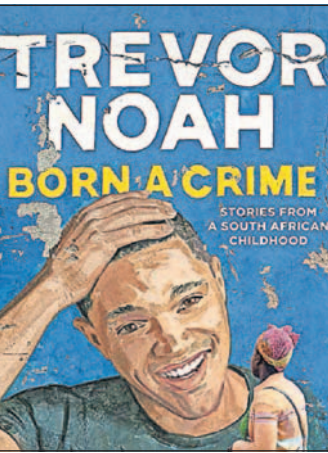
Audiobooks for summer road trips

By KATHERINE A. POWERS  
The Washington Post

This summer holds out the promise of release from COVID's most onerous restrictions - and visions of road trips dance in our heads. The prospect of piling into the car and heading off for parts yonder is liberating. But then reality hits, in the shape of boredom or, if children are involved, something a little more gruesome. Here is a selection of roadworthy audiobooks tailored to fit different journeys and assorted travelers.

We shall begin with long books for long trips, starting with "The Long Ships" by Frans Bengtsson, one of the great unsung novels of the 20th century. First published in two parts, in 1941 and 1945, and gloriously translated from the Swedish by Michael Meyer a decade later, the book comes in at 20¼ hours in audio form (HighBridge), narrated splendidly by Michael Page. This historically rich, very witty novel takes you on a journey through the adventures of "Red Orm," a Viking in the years around AD 1000 - when it was confidently predicted that the world would end. Michael Chabon provides an introduction in which he declares, quite truly, that this novel "stands ready, given the chance, to bring lasting pleasure to every single human being on the face of the earth."

But let's say you're driving from East Coast to West Coast, or the reverse, and want to stick with one book, then Robert Caro's "The Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of New York" should fill the bill handily at 66 hours (Random House Audio). Given Moses' traffic-clogging legacy, those 66 hours might



also - if you're lucky - get you from the tip of Long Island into Manhattan. But there will never be a dull moment. Caro's Pulitzer Prize-winning book is a miracle of detail, written with flair, and is a revealing study of character and the exercise of power. Here you learn of Moses's arrogance and his downright malevolent strategies to destroy New York's public transportation system and to keep Black and Puerto Rican New Yorkers out of his - as he saw them - parks and swimming pools. Robertson Dean nar-



At left, "Born A Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood" and above, "The Long Ships."

usual clarity and panache. Though written for adults, this is a book that can also be enjoyed by young people of high school age, maybe younger, as long as they don't mind gunplay and dastardly villains.

Bill Bryson's "The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid" (Random House) is also suitable for both adults and young people and is one of the funniest memoirs ever written and - in the voice of the narrating author - ever heard. It's set chiefly in Des Moines in the 1950s, when

him "to live a life of freedom long before we knew freedom would exist." This is an inspiring story, scalding in its descriptions of apartheid, but also witty and truly exciting. (Audible is owned by Amazon, whose founder and CEO Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

The Roald Dahl Collection (Listening Library) consists of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," "James and the Giant Peach" and three other stories. The stories are ideal for short trips, and the collection will appeal to listeners from nonage to senectitude, as long as they enjoy justice meted out with merry malice. The stories are somewhat abridged, and at 3¾ hours, the full collection is just enough, perhaps, to get you to the next pit stop. The tales are read by Dahl himself, and his sharp voice, swift delivery and air of relish in delivering comeuppance to bullies and other nasties adds to the pleasure of his dark genius.

If you are driving with middle-grade children to the wilder parts of Oregon and

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America was perfect except for the threat of nuclear annihilation, racial oppression, the birth of unbridled consumerism and little Billy's mother's cooking.

At 7¾ hours, the book is only going to get you halfway from the nation's capital to Des Moines. For the rest of the way, listen to "Daily Show" host Trevor Noah reading his own "Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood" at 8¾ hours (Audible Studios). The book, among other things, will underscore how amazing it is that Noah, son of a Xhosa mother and a Swiss father in apartheid South Africa, is alive, much less a celebrity. Thank Noah's determined, indefatigable mother. Making sacrifices for his education, she prepared

California - or anywhere, really - the trip will come alive for at least four hours with Roseanne Parry's "A Wolf Called Wander" (HarperAudio) The novel, though not for vegetarians, is read in a gentle, compassionate voice by Kirby Heyborne. It follows the life and sharp nose of Wander, a wolf pup when we meet him. Traveling over mountain and prairie, he confronts enemy wolves, gun-toting humans, wildfire, hunger, thirst and intense loneliness. He stalks elk, makes a friend of a raven, and eventually meets a strong-willed mate and companion. This exciting, poignant book enthralled even me, whose school years were spent in ancient times.

Katherine A. Powers reviews audiobooks every month for The Washington Post.



Vedika Jawa poses with freshly baked desserts inside South Hayward Parish in Fremont, Calif., in February. Jawa, a high school junior, distributes sweets to 15 shelters through a non-profit she started when she was 13. (RACHNA JAWA VIA AP)

FREMONT, CALIF.

Teen baker sweetens lives of those in need

By LUIS ANDRES HENAO AND EMILY LESHNER  
Associated Press

Vedika Jawa's mission to sweeten the lives of those in need began when she was just 13, on a family trip to San Francisco. She could not help but see the multitudes living on the streets.

She returned home to Fremont, California, determined to help. Reaching out to homeless shelters, she offered to bake sweet treats. Some managers ignored her; others told her to come back when she was older. But she persisted.

Jawa organized a neighborhood bake sale, collected ingredients in her school and contacted a shelter's CEO, who eventually allowed her to bake for residents. That was the start of Bake4Sake, her student-run nonprofit that distributes desserts to those in need.

During the pandemic, the project expanded from a handful of friends who helped her bake in her hometown to more than 100 volunteers who now work with 15 homeless shelters in 10 locations across the United States.

"Even though these people get access to meals from food banks and shelters, they often don't have access to desserts," said Jawa, now a 16-year-old high school junior .

"We know that they're going through a really difficult time at this moment. And so, we just want to add a little bit of joy in their lives and show them that they're cared for and loved."

At the onset of the pandemic, her work seemed to come to a halt. Some shelters could no longer take the baked goods because they needed to follow regulations to curb the spread of COVID-19.

But she didn't let it stop her. Through the local food bank South Hayward Parish, she eventually was allowed to deliver the desserts. She also created an Instagram Bake4Sake account, hoping to find more volunteers.

"Instead of just getting responses from my classmates, I actually started getting responses from high schoolers in different states, in different cities," she said.

Now, she hopes that even more people will be encouraged to join her project and open their own chapters of Bake4Sake at a time when illness, job loss and business closures across America have caused a food insecurity crisis.

"So many people have lost their loved ones due to this pandemic. So many people have lost their jobs," Jawa said. "We think that a simple act of kindness can go a long way for someone who is facing such a difficult time."



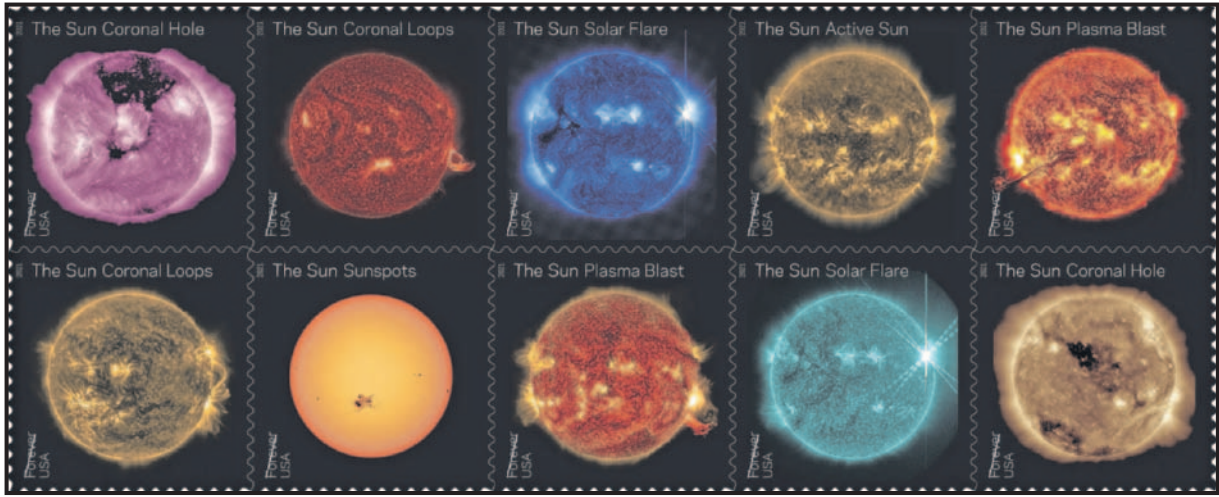
BOOKS & HOBBIES

PETER M. REXFORD | TREASURE HUNT

Life’s daily valuables taken for granted

Taking things for granted is pretty much the norm for humans. Once we become accustomed to something, we rarely see beyond that model. As recently as 1983, few could imagine a writing tool more convenient than a typewriter. In just 24 months, computers ruled and were ubiquitous.

Before 1900, it was inconceivable to imagine a personal mode of transport other than a horse and wagon. Barely 15 years later, horses had been completely replaced with cars and trucks. In the 1800s, silver dollars were one of the most common forms of trade. Around 1850, they featured the allegorical image of a seated Lady Liberty. Beginning in 1878, the “Morgan” dollar became the familiar standard for the coin with the profile head of a stoic Lady Liberty. Throughout the 19th century, it too was taken for granted. Yet again, change was in the air. By 1900, industrialization had taken hold. Everything from manufacturing and travel to music and art had evolved. The latter had taken a “nouveau” form. Enter the silver dollar of 1921. That was the last year for the Morgan dollar and the first for the



The new 2021 Morgan Silver Dollar, at left, and the sheet of 10 new solar “Forever” stamps, above.

While it always may appear bright and luminous, the new 10 stamps showcase the sun in its everchanging forms and effects. Those include: Sunspots, Coronal Holes, Coronal Loops, Solar Flares and Plasma Blasts.

of 99.9 percent pure silver, the Mint has limited the strike to just 175,000 of each type. Considering hundreds of millions of the original Morgan and Peace dollars were made, that’s not a lot. The coins will be issued beginning next month. For more information or to pre-order, go online to **US Mint.gov**. One constant we humans surely never give a second thought to is the most obvious of all – our sun. Other

than an ancient religion or two that worshiped it and sacrificed people to a sun god (think “Ra” in Raiders of the Lost Ark) I know of nothing else we take so much for granted. This closest star to earth has been ro-

manticized in song, art, poetry and endless stories. As “Annie” lyrically pointed out, at least for the next billion years, no matter what, “the sun will come out tomorrow.” Our reliable orb is now getting its postal due on a new set of 10 First Class stamps. Much like the expected lifespan of our closest star the stamp is a “Forever” issue. The actual composition of our sun remains something of a mystery. Believed to be primarily hydrogen with some helium thrown in, scientists still can’t be sure of its tangible metallic content. What is known is that it is constantly changing and affecting us on earth. While it always may appear bright and luminous, the new 10 stamps showcase the sun in its everchanging forms and effects. Those include: Sunspots, Coronal Holes, Coronal Loops, Solar Flares and Plasma Blasts. In addition to being visually dramatic, the “heliophysics” (study of the effects of the sun) can reveal how solar magnetic fields, blasts and flares impact earth’s atmosphere and our technology in space. Though we can’t see the occurrences with the naked eye, the stamps feature images of them taken with special filters then enhanced with colors. The result is enough to impress even “Ra.” The new sheet of ten stamps is scheduled to launch this month at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD. For more information on how to preorder or obtain a pictorial First Day of Issue postmark, log onto to **usps.com/shopstamps**.

BOOK REVIEW

‘Revival Season’ is author Monica West’s spellbinding debut

By NAOMI JACKSON  
The Washington Post

Monica West’s “Revival Season” is an emotionally fecund and spellbinding debut novel. The book opens with a Black family on a road trip through the American South during the summer of 2018. The Hortons leave their home in Texas in search of souls to save and bodies to heal. The family is helmed by a wounded healer, Samuel, a prizefighter turned pastor who rules his home with an iron fist. Joanne, his wife, is a prisoner in her marriage who bears the brunt of her husband’s emotional and physical abuse. The elder son, Caleb, is eager to mold himself in his domineering father’s image. Hannah, the youngest child, has cerebral palsy. Hannah’s disability is a kind of liability for the curative powers from which Papa derives his reputation and on whose earning power the family depends. The story is deftly narrated by Miriam, a 15-year-old girl who is wrestling with her father’s brutality, her faith in God, her mother’s unraveling and the revelation of her own healing powers.

“Revival Season” is haunted by two shadows: Samuel’s vicious handling of a pregnant teenager brought to him for healing during a previous revival, and the specter of Samuel and Joanne’s stillborn child, Isaiah. We spend much of the novel on tenterhooks, wondering how and when the lid on the father’s explosive anger will blow, and hoping for the best outcome for Joanne’s new pregnancy, about which she is ambivalent at best. Miriam asks the question on which the book turns: “Why does God let his children suffer?”

West joins American writers who have tackled the significance of the Black church that serves as a locus for community organizing and mutual aid but also can harm those who seek spiritual refuge. “Revival Season” echoes James Baldwin’s debut 1953 novel, “Go Tell It on the Mountain,” which he said in a Paris Review interview “was about my relationship to my father and to the church,



which is the same thing really.” West’s book shows the problems with appointing fallible human beings to offer succor to parishioners even as they battle their own demons - in Samuel’s case, irrepressible rage and hubris. The book also

its absence was a black hole that seemed bigger than the presence that had inhabited it. Like the gap left behind after losing a tooth - the ragged, sore space in your mouth always felt larger than the tiny bit of enamel that fell out.”

West joins American writers who have tackled the significance of the Black church that serves as a locus for community organizing and mutual aid but also can harm those who seek spiritual refuge. “Revival Season” echoes James Baldwin’s debut 1953 novel, “Go Tell It on the Mountain,” which he said in a Paris Review interview “was about my relationship to my father and to the church, which is the same thing really.”

questions the church’s stance on the roles of women, most important, that wives should submit to their husbands, and that women cannot serve as pastors and healers. West movingly describes the ways that patriarchy, Christianity and gender-based violence unite in the person of the tyrannical Samuel. Miriam considers the inextricable link between her faith in God and her father: “Papa had carefully cultivated our belief in him. He never said it outright - *Believe in me as you believe in God* - that would have been obvious blasphemy and idolatry. But he was the all-consuming presence that had filled my entire life, taking up all the space in the house and in revival tents. In

Miriam is an unforgettable narrator whose storytelling evinces vulnerability, grace, guilt and self-awareness. I was moved by West’s portrayal of Miriam’s spiritual awakening and coming-of-age journey as she forges an underground healing practice using her newfound powers to cure physical ailments, resists Papa’s violence and tries to show up as well as she can for her siblings as her mother slips into a deep depression. A beautiful passage reveals Miriam’s halting efforts at discernment: “It felt like God, who had always been near - the breeze behind me, the heat on my face when I prayed - was receding like the sun behind a cloud. As I was getting closer to my miracle,

‘REVIVAL SEASON’

Author: Monica West  
Publisher: Simon & Schuster  
Pages: 304  
Price: \$26

God’s will for me was getting more obscure.” “Revival Season” offers a refreshing take on the lives of Black women and girls living with disabilities, depression and domestic violence. West avoids predictable tropes in writing about Hannah’s disability, making her neither less than human nor an object of pity. The novel’s powerful ending thoughtfully probes how people with disabilities are targeted with problematic, if well-intentioned, interventions through both traditional and alternative medicine. “Revival Season” should be read alongside books that tackle the insidious relationship between Christianity and toxic masculinity, especially Alice Walker’s “The Color Purple” and Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie’s “Purple Hibiscus.” With its sensitive handling of Black women’s mental health, West’s book also is in conversation with Yaa Gyasi’s dazzling sophomore book, “Transcendent Kingdom,” and the late Bebe Moore Campbell’s landmark novel,

BESTSELLERS

The New York Times bestsellers list available at time of production, from the week ending May 30.

HARDCOVER		LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON LIST
FICTION			
1. <b>WHILE JUSTICE SLEEPS</b> , by Stacey Abrams.	-	1	
2. <b>SOOLEY</b> , by John Grisham.	3	3	
3. <b>21ST BIRTHDAY</b> , by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro.	2	2	
4. <b>THE HILL WE CLIMB</b> , by Amanda Gorman.	5	7	
5. <b>THAT SUMMER</b> , by Jennifer Weiner.	-	1	
6. <b>PROJECT HAIL MARY</b> , by Andy Weir.	4	2	
7. <b>THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY</b> , by Matt Haig.	7	24	
8. <b>THE LAST THING HE TOLD ME</b> , by Laura Dave.	1	2	
9. <b>A GAMBLING MAN</b> , by David Baldacci.	8	4	
10. <b>THE FOUR WINDS</b> , by Kristin Hannah.	6	15	
NONFICTION			
1. <b>KILLING THE MOB</b> , by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard.	1	2	
2. <b>YEARBOOK</b> , by Seth Rogen.	-	1	
3. <b>BILLIE EILISH</b> , by Billie Eilish.	-	1	
4. <b>WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?</b> by Bruce D. Perry and Oprah Winfrey.	2	3	
5. <b>BRAT</b> , by Andrew McCarthy.	-	1	
6. <b>THE PREMONITION</b> , by Michael Lewis.	3	2	
7. <b>THE BOMBER MAFIA</b> , by Malcolm Gladwell.	5	3	
8. <b>GREENLIGHTS</b> , by Matthew McConaughey.	7	30	
9. <b>UNTAMED</b> , by Glennon Doyle.	8	62	
10. <b>A PROMISED LAND</b> , by Barack Obama.	-	23	
ADVICE			
1. <b>THE BOY, THE MOLE, THE FOX AND THE HORSE</b> , by Charlie Mackesy.	2	76	
2. <b>THE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE SPEAK</b> , by Shannon Bream.	1	7	
3. <b>ATOMIC HABITS</b> , by James Clear.	3	77	
4. <b>WORLD TRAVEL</b> , by Anthony Bourdain and Laurie Woolever.	4	4	
5. <b>MAKE YOUR BED</b> , by William H. McRaven.	-	94	
PAPERBACK		WEEKS ON LIST	
NONFICTION			
1. <b>THE BODY KEEPS THE SCORE</b> , by Bessel van der Kolk.		134	
2. <b>BRAIDING SWEETGRASS</b> , by Robin Wall Kimmerer.		57	
3. <b>PRESS RESET</b> , by Jason Schreier.		1	
4. <b>BECOMING</b> , by Michelle Obama.		11	
5. <b>KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON</b> , by David Grann.		79	
TRADE FICTION			
1. <b>PEOPLE WE MEET ON VACATION</b> , by Emily Henry.		1	
2. <b>WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING</b> , by Delia Owens.		7	
3. <b>THE SILENT PATIENT</b> , by Alex Michaelides.		2	
4. <b>THE SONG OF ACHILLES</b> , by Madeline Miller.		30	
5. <b>THE WOMAN IN THE WINDOW</b> , by A.J. Finn.		71	

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## Tight on space?

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Above, a miniature "cloffice," designed by Jessica Cloe Miniatures.

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Pre-sprouting seeds, corn in this case, is a way to get a slight jump on the season.

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**LEE REICH**

IN THE GARDEN

## Pre-sprouting seeds helps jump-start season

**P**LANTING A SEED IS an act of faith. After all, what could seem more far-fetched than dropping a shriveled, apparently lifeless speck of something into a hole in the ground, then expecting to return and find growing there a lush, green plant brimming with life. A lack of faith — or maybe it's just impatience — is what drives some gardeners to set out transplants rather than sow seeds.

Still, my faith in seeds is occasionally shaken, even when I remind myself of the millions of years of practice seeds have had sprouting in soil. Mice sometimes shake my faith. Corn and squash seeds want to grow, but mice want to nibble away at the plump, nutritious tidbits before they sprout. Other times I'm a bit wary about whether a warmth-loving seed such as okra will sprout when it's time to plant but the weather has turned unseasonably cool. And old seed, no matter what kind, never sprouts well.

When such situations make me want to keep closer tabs on just what my seeds are doing, I presprout them before planting. Enough plants for a whole bed, which would require a

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# Tight on space? Turn a closet into a 'cloffice'

## Tips to transform smallest of spaces into workspace

**BY JURA KONCIUS**

Washington Post

**T**he “cloffice” — a closet that doubles as an office — wasn't born during the pandemic. The concept has been around for some time. But with the explosion of working and learning from home, more people strapped for space have taken a good, hard look at the tiniest nooks in their homes.

“All of a sudden, with people being at home all the time, our houses were faced with so many needs and were being stretched,” says Mary Maydan of Maydan Architects in Palo Alto, California. “People needed more spaces to work and speak quietly and be able to close the door.”

Cloffices sprang up on Pinterest, and Instagram was peppered with #cloffice selfies. It struck a chord, especially with those struggling for privacy in small apartments and those looking for a separation between work and living spaces. Cute little workspaces with simple white desktops, bold paint or wallpaper, and compact pastel office chairs have emerged. Others have a modern, minimalist look, with white walls, wood or stone desktops, and sleek lighting. Some people

use cloffices as tiny craft rooms. And in larger cloffices, a laptop and files may share space with shoes and party dresses.

When the pandemic began, Christine Warnke already had a cloffice in the entry hall of her two-bedroom Washington, D.C., condo. Warnke, who works in global business development, had turned part of a closet for out-of-season clothes into a compact workspace using the Container Store's Elfa desk and shelf system. “It was so great during COVID, as I needed a designated space to clear my head,” Warnke says. Her small desk is big enough for her laptop, calendar and lamp, plus a vase of flowers. She swiped one of the fuchsia Trica dining chairs she had bought at the D.C. shop Theodoros to put by the desk, because it was the perfect scale for the space. Mirrored sliding doors from Home Depot add sparkle.

Nina Cooke John of Studio Cooke John in New York created a clean and modern cloffice for psychologist Eva Burt in her Upper West Side apartment. Burt's family of four was stretched for working surfaces, and she wanted her own space for conducting telehealth appointments with patients and storing family paperwork. Cooke John took a deep storage closet with 10-foot ceilings and tricked it out.

Cooke John put in a combination of closed and open storage and made space for keeping files, manuals and kids' artwork. She installed double French



A Washington, D.C., condo “cloffice” by designers Pamela Black and Don Love has a grass-cloth wallpaper to add interest. The ceiling is painted in Benjamin Moore's Subway Tile. A piece of framed Hermes equestrian wallpaper makes a nice statement on the wall. (STACY ZARIN GOLDBERG / MOKI MEDIA)

doors, because, she says, “if the office was going to be in a closet, then the doors had to be translucent. She could close the doors and still get light and not feel like she was sitting in a closet.” Cooke

John says she's always figuring out how to make use of every square inch in a home, but during the pandemic, this became even more important.

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TERRY AND KIM KOVEL | ANTIQUES AND COLLECTING

# Canton china has been popular for centuries

**C**ANTON CHINA, with its blue and white decoration, has been a popular collectible for many years, but few can distinguish it from the other early or modern Chinese blue and white china. It has been popular for centuries partly because cobalt blue coloring was safe to use when decorating dishes. Red ware and pewter contained dangerous lead.

By 1710, the Chinese made at least four patterns of Chinese export porcelain that included landscape designs. Two of the most popular were Nanking (1770-1820) and Canton (1785- 1853). Nanking was decorated with a willow tree, boat, teahouse, birds and a fence. Canton had symbolic decorations including a border band of blue and white scallops representing rain and clouds, a bridge, water, rocks, a pagoda, scholar, waterwheel, riverboats or sampans, two kinds of orchid leaves, and a willow tree. Each symbol had a meaning reflecting endurance, harmony in nature, movement, the old leading the young, or life.

There are other unnamed blue and white patterns from the same period, and even a similar English willow pattern. Later Canton pieces are thicker, heavier and have less detailed decorations. There are 92 known shapes of Canton including chamber pots, slop pots, plain pitchers, cider jugs, oyster bowls, patty pan bowls (used to bake crust), helmet pitchers, butter dishes, butter pats (five shapes), and hot water plates. Sometimes a color is added over the blue designs. This adds color to the piece but often covers the original blue decorations.

**Q.** Is a Marie Osmond toddler doll, with all the extras, worth something, or should I let my great-granddaughter play with her? The doll has never been taken out of the box, but the box is kind



This is a Canton bulb tray that was used to force bulbs or to plant a bonsai.

**of beaten up and somewhat shabby.**

**A.** Marie Osmond “Toddler” dolls were designed by Marie Osmond, a singer, entertainer and talk show host. They are part of a series of collector dolls designed by Osmond, first made in 1991 by Knickerbocker Creations of Rancho Santa Margarita, California, and sold on QVC. Part of the proceeds were given to the Children’s Miracle Network, a charity Osmond helped establish. Later the dolls were sold in stores, online, and through mail order catalogs. Knickerbocker Creations went bankrupt in 1999. Osmond’s husband bought the company in 2001, and it was renamed Marian LLC. He sold the

company in 2004, and it became Charisma Brands LLC. The last Toddler dolls were made in 2013. The dolls have porcelain heads, arms and legs and stuffed cloth bodies. They were “limited editions” meant for collectors, not to be played with. The porcelain parts often break. A doll in good condition sells for \$25 to \$45. Mint in the box, like yours, should bring over \$75.

**Q.** Can you help me identify the marks on a pottery jug I have? The mark is an irregular shape with a lion standing on a crown in the middle. Printed in a wide border is “Chelsea Royal Pottery, Burslem, H & G, England.” Who is the maker, and

**how old is the jug?**

**A.** This mark was used by Hollinshead & Griffiths at its Chelsea Works in Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, England. The pottery made china and earthenware. “Royal Chelsea Pottery” and “Chelsea Art Pottery” were trade names used by Hollinshead & Griffiths. The pottery was in business from about 1887 to 1910.

**Q.** I have an old blue Pyrex bowl with what looks like Amish people on the side. Can you tell me anything about it?

**A.** Your bowl is from 1957 and is a pattern called Butter-

print. It has an Amish farmer and his wife surrounded by various crops. It is one of the most collectible Pyrex patterns. It is also available but much harder to find in pink Butterprint and yellow Butterprint. Collecting Pyrex is popular right now, probably for its nostalgic value.

**Q.** My grandmother, Olive Urquhart, was an antiques dealer and bottle expert. She was the author of the book “Bottlers and Bottles, Canadian.” I was given her “stock” of glass bottles and a few glass vases, stuff she stored in her basement and sold. There are about a hundred boxes of newspaper-wrapped goodies. I’m

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## Convenient kitchen for campers

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Modeled after the chuck boxes used by cowboys on the range, the project features dedicated compartments for pots, pans, dishes, cups, silverware, utensils and dry goods. Designed to keep everything organized in a convenient, manageable package, the camp kitchen makes it easy to make sure all the grub is in order — before you hit the trail.

Handles make it easy to get the project into camp. Once there, the top opens up for easy access and the front panel drops down to create a handy work surface. Between meals, everything closes up to a compact 30 inches long by 17 inches tall by 19 inches deep.

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**not sure how to deal with it. I assume some would be of great value. A few pieces are marked, but I haven't been able to identify the makers. How can I determine what is valuable?**

**A.** Unfortunately, this often happens when a collector-dealer leaves a large collection for the heirs. If you collect, leave instructions for your heirs with the names of friends who collect similar items or dealers that you have worked with in the past. In this instance, this is too big a job to tackle by yourself. You need an expert for a collection this large. Contact bottle auctions to see if they would want to sell all or part of the bottles. Talk to members of the local bottle club. Maybe you can locate some of your grandmother's friends who also collected and would be willing to help. Contact a charity that could hold an auction and give the heirs a tax deduction. Be sure to tell whoever you contact that your grandmother wrote a book on bottles. It will add provenance to the items and to the value.

*Terry Kovel and Kim Kovel answer reader's questions sent to the column. Send a letter with one question describing the size, material and what you know about the item. Include only two pictures, the object, and a closeup of any marks or damage. Be sure your name and*

## CURRENT PRICES

*Current prices are recorded from antiques shows, flea markets, sales and auctions throughout the United States. Prices vary in different locations because of local economic conditions.*

**Kitchen**, egg sizing scale, "Jiffy Way/Automatic/Speedy/Dependable," indicators for small, medium, large and extra large, curved platform for egg, metal, 9 inches, \$50.

**Moorcroft Pottery cabinet vase**, pomegranate, grapes, greens, reds, dark blue ground, baluster shape, rolled rim, marked, England, 4 inches, \$175.

**Fan**, Old Havana by Fanimation, floor model, cast metal, round scrolled frame, hinged, cylindrical stem, round paneled base, 49 inches, \$275.

**Toy**, Transformer, Heroic Autobot, Headmaster Highbrow, metal and plastic, original box and packaging, 1987, 9 inches, \$390.

**Game**, gaming wheel, wood, numbers 1 through 30, randomly placed, turned wood stand with flapper pointer, 1800s, 20½ x 14½ inches, \$490.

**Furniture**, bookcase cupboard, mahogany, crown over double Gothic glazed maple cubbyholes and drawers, two paneled doors, England, c. 1915, 79 x 48 inches, \$525.

**Tea caddy**, sarcophagus form, mahogany, geometric parquet inlay all around, two interior compartments flank a center bowl well, velvet lining, 4 button feet, England, 1800s, 7½ x 14 x 7¾ inches, \$600.

**Baccarat glass candelabrum**, two S-scroll arms, flared bo-beches, two tapered prism drops, fluted tapered stem, spread foot, 16 inches, \$1,150.

**Garden seating set**, wrought iron, white paint, pierced back & seat, floral relief crests, scrolls, scroll arms, double arched stretchers, cabriole legs, two chairs and settee, 1890s, settee 36 x 44 inches, three pieces, \$1,500.

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## Space

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If you're a bit handy and creative, you can install a basic cloffice yourself. If you need some help, though, or want something a bit more custom, a handy person, interior designer or remodeler can help you.

Alexandra Gater, a Toronto home-decor YouTuber who specializes in "helping millennials decorate their rental spaces on a budget," installed a cute cloffice in her 800-square-foot apartment. "I did it pretty soon after I moved in. I had just started my business, and I needed a place to store my laptop, stationery — everything," she says.

The previous tenant on the top floor of the Victorian had used green paint in a 3-foot-wide storage closet, which opened into the living room. For \$200, Gater transformed it. First, she painted it with Modern Love, a "warm, muted pink" by Backdrop. "Pink is my favorite color," she says, "and I wanted to create separation from the rest of my apartment."

She added components from Ikea: the Ekby Alex shelf with drawers; a Lack wall shelf; and the Skadis peg-

board, which, she says, maximizes her vertical storage space. At the end of the day, she closes the doors, so she can put her work behind her and relax. "In the pandemic, it's been a great thing to have, to create separation between my living space and work-space," she says.

Last year, two D.C.-area designers, Pamela Black and Don Love, collaborated on a cloffice when they ran out of room for a home office as part of a Foggy Bottom condo renovation. They took a 7-by-7-foot closet and designed a desk and cabinetry to provide storage for files and room for a printer. A grass cloth (Shinto/Jute by Clay McLaurin Studio) wall covering added texture and color. "We really like to use wallpaper in small spaces, such as powder rooms, since they can be so boring," Love says. "It really makes the space."

Maydan recently turned a small closet off a kitchen in a 1930s San Francisco apartment into a private office for a client. She says the goal is "to make even a tiny space feel more welcoming and open and airy. You don't want to feel like you are stuck in a closet."

In this 8½-by-6-foot cloffice, a sliding-glass door was installed to let in natural light.

She's a big fan of floating desks in little spaces such as this. She suggests avoiding anything chunky in terms of desks or built-ins, which can overwhelm a small space. She also prefers drawers over open shelving to conceal clutter.

"Lighting is important in a small space and such an amazing way to make a statement and make a space look styled," Gater says. Her closet came with a single lightbulb. "I changed the ceiling light to a hanging simple pendant to look more decorative," she says.

For the Upper West Side apartment, Cooke John installed a modern brass light fixture with three adjustable heads. One of them can act as a task light. "This client doesn't like too much glare on her computer, so we did not put in under-cabinet lights," Cooke John says. "Sometimes, for other clients, we have added a task light on an adjustable arm that attaches to the wall."

Cloffices can reflect your style, whether Bohemian or corporate, and your personality. Or not. The most important thing is to ensure the space is comfortable and cool. Choose a sturdy and, if possible, ergonomic office chair that's scaled to your

space. Add a small rug, plants and a wastebasket, and install organizers to hold your office supplies.

Chuck Ludmer, an executive coach in Palm Beach, Florida, needed space in his two-bedroom condo to hold videoconferences. New York designer Michael Borden saw potential in a 6-foot-wide closet in Ludmer's guest room. Ludmer asked for "something with a nice high-tech feel." The result was a sleek black granite built-in desk and a white faux leather office chair. Ludmer wanted his meetings to sound professional, even if he was talking from a former closet. "If

you're in a closet, you don't want it to sound like you're in a closet," Ludmer says. He ordered wall-mounted acoustic panels from Amazon that have textured fabric to absorb sound. A black steel rolling mobile pedestal file cabinet from Staples provides three drawers to hold office essentials.

And comfort is about more than just a plush or ergonomic chair. Burt says low air circulation in her cloffice sent her on a search for a fan. She found a small bladeless fan on Amazon that operates quietly. "I plug it in, and it creates a little bit of a breeze," Burt says.



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## AGAWAM

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Kimberley B. O’Keefe to Alli Stokowski and Joseph Knight, 32 Mill St., \$320,000.

Oleg Adzhigirey to Sharon A. Conte, 1178 Main St., \$283,000.

Pamela M. Murphy to Naylor Nation Real Estate LLC, 70 Giffin Place, \$136,000.

Pine Crossing Construction Inc., to Peter T. Lepper and Marguerite A. Lepper, 30 Villa Drive, Unit 8, \$339,900.

Richard Debonis and Celestine Holt to Bout & Mart LLC, 194 Brookfield Lane, \$205,000.

Richard M. Tencati and Kathleen Tencati to Craig A. Charest, 1196 North St. Extension, \$269,000.

Tara M. Tkacz and Tara M. Tkacz-Finck to Melissa Kulak and Stephen Cyranowski, 17 Althea Circle, \$245,000.

## AMHERST

Bruce C. Lattmann and Carol A. Lattmann to Theodore J. Christ and Jennifer A. Christ, 1350 South East St., \$1,430,000.

Stephen C. Fellers and Stephen Fellers to 52 Fearing Street LLC, 52 Fearing St., \$695,000.

## BELCHERTOWN

Deborah O’Neil to Lili Bourgeois and Zachary Schneider, 35 Summit St., \$320,050.

John W. Luippold Jr., and John W. Luippold to Jenilins Barbly, 800 Franklin St., \$257,800.

## BERNARDSTON

JPMorgan Chase Bank NA, to Earl N. Young Jr., 308 Northfield Road, \$75,000.

Jonathan W. Carow to Alexander LaMarche and Nicole Zabawa, 12 School Road, \$218,500.

## BRIMFIELD

Margaret Bresnahan to Aaron J. Graves and Marissa Rose Savary, 71 Tower Hill Road, \$325,000.

Matthew S. Dee to Edward Augustine F. Stumpf, 15 Little Alum Road, \$210,000.

## BUCKLAND

Gary Kochapski to Lloyd Brooks, 2A Old State St., and 2B Old State St., \$110,000.

Peck Realty Trust, A. William Peck

and Mary P. Peck, trustees, to Nicholas Laorenza and Ryan Margulis, Bray Road, \$21,900.

## CHESTER

Lindsey K. Burke to Sara Jane Hoffschmidt, 77 Parsons Way, \$355,000.

## CHICOPEE

Brian Kennedy and Catherine L. Kennedy to Gary J. Stamborski, trustee, Bernice Bassilakis-Wegrzynek, trustee, and 35 Gladdu Ave. Nominee Trust, trustee of, 35 Gladdu Ave., \$50,000.

Douglas R. Albert Jr., to Peter B. Setian, 110 Colonial Circle, Unit C, \$135,000.

Emery Street LLC, to Blue Chip Buildings LLC, 22 Franklin St., \$260,000.

Eric M. Rooney to Yekaterina Alekseyeva, 19 Reed Ave., \$215,000.

Kathryn E. Carr, Kathryn E. Wood and Eben P. Wood to Jason W. Kolodziej and Deborah L. Kolodziej, 269-271 Sheridan St., \$255,000.

Kyle J. Chagnon, Shannon A. Sullivan and Shannon A. Chagnon to Erica L. Gomes, 102 Anson St., \$285,000.

Kyle Rosa to Luis Gonzalez, 335-337 Hampden St., \$240,000.

LE & Associates LLC, to Epifanio Diaz, 24 Jefferson Ave., \$240,000.

Leah G. Cook and Joseph C. Noyes to Alex Fenderson and Madeline Fenderson, 61 Abbey Memorial Drive, Unit 104, \$178,000.

Ross Elmer and Pamela Elmer to Dylan Edward Robinovitz, 439 East Main St., \$249,000.

Thomas A. Conroy and Linda M. Conroy to Patrick M. Conroy and Casey S. Conroy, 7 Loveland Terrace, \$125,000.

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, trustee, and Upland Mortgage Loan Trust A, trustee of, to Aguasvivas Realty LLC, and Inspired Living Solutions LLC, 23 Dixie Terrace, \$175,100.

## COLRAIN

Megan N. Weller to John J. Shivock Jr., 1 Church St. and 37 Church St., \$180,000.

## CUMMINGTON

Belle Isle Properties LLC, to Nancy Jamison, 482 Stage Road, \$145,000.

## EAST LONGMEADOW

AC Homebuilding LLC, to Benjamin S. Sullivan, Benjamin Sullivan, Jennifer L. G. Sullivan and Jennifer Sullivan, 1 Bella Vista Drive, \$590,000.

Joseph A. Mastrangelo, Margaret A. Mastrangelo and April C. Mastrangelo to Patrick C. Lee and Megan E. Lee, 69 Bayne St., \$294,900.

Kathleen A. Pappas to Brent F. Miklavic and Karen L. Miklavic, 222 Pinehurst Drive, Unit 222, \$435,000.

Matthew B. Reed to 21st Mortgage Corp., 169 Allen St., \$127,748.

## EASTHAMPTON

Michael L. Bittman, Holly C. Bittman and Holly Crooker to Michael L. Bittman, trustee, Holly C. Bittman, trustee, and Michael L. Bittman & Holly C. Bittman Living Trust, 14 Gross Lane, \$100.

New England House LLC, to Lauren E. Bullis, 363 Main St., \$366,500.

## ERVING

Michael E. Doyle to Lisa Holst and Robert Holst, 26 Ridge Road, \$342,500.

## GILL

Danielle J. Tweed and Patrick J. Tweed to Kim Beaudry and Mark E. Beaudry, 51 Ben Hale Road, \$52,500.

## GRANBY

Philip T. Braese to Shane A. De Leon and Kirsten C. De Leon, 193 Taylor St., \$460,000.

Stephen J. Polchlopek and Stephen Polchlopek to James W. Morrione, personal representative, and Margaret J. Beauchemin, estate, 541 East State St., \$100.

James W. Morrione, personal representative, and Margaret J. Beauchemin, estate, to Christian Paul Beauchemin and Kristina E. Beauchemin, 75 Forge Pond Road, \$125,000.

## GRANVILLE

Wendy Gaunt and Scott Szela to Anthony M. Danek and Janet J. Danek, 310 Main Road, \$349,900.

## GREENFIELD

Anna E. Ripley Living Trust, Patricia Ann Gonet, trustee, to Fiodor Tahij and Tatiana Tahij, 61 Smith St., \$160,000.

Bruce G. Thomas and Margaret A. Thomas to David M. Steiner and Helena Jooyun Kim Steiner, 68 Cheapside St., \$300,000.

Douglas Francis Pratt Estate, “aka” Douglas F. Pratt Estate, Christopher Pratt, personal representative, to Dianne Novotny and Abigail M. Stankowski, 99 School St., \$102,000.

Lenore H. Gaudet to Found on the

WASHINGTON

30-year rate below 3%

Mortgage rates were flat to higher last week. The benchmark 30-year home loan remained below the 3% mark amid continued positive indications of the economy’s recovery from the pandemic recession. Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported Thursday that the average for the 30-year rate rose to 2.99% from 2.95% the previous week. At this time last year, the average long-term rate stood at 3.18%. The rate for a 15-year loan, popular among those seeking to refinance, was unchanged from the previous week at 2.27%. In the latest economic

news, the government reported that the number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits dropped last week for a fifth straight week, to 385,000, a new pandemic low and additional evidence that the job market is regaining its health as the economy further reopens. With historically low mortgage rates prevailing, the U.S. housing market has grown so overheated as demand outpaces supply that prices keep hitting record highs — and roughly half of all houses are now selling above their list price. — Associated Press

Fringe LLC, Mohawk Trail, \$10,500.

Jessica Culver and Lewis Zoey Culver to Jeffrey Thomas Diteman and Virginia Grace Nowakoski, 40 Summer St., \$251,000.

Susan A. Bagnell Trust, Ann F. Bagnell, trustee, to Francis L. Lemay Jr., 11A Huntington Circle, Unit 4A, Huntington Green Condominium, \$185,000.

## HADLEY

Christine Kokoski to Andrew J. Black, 358 River Drive, \$350,000.

Luis O. Hernandez-Munez and Sean W. Conkin to Heidi K. Kuester, 104 Rocky Hill Road, \$389,000.

Kenneth P. Vincunas, trustee, Lynn Travers, trustee, Raymond M. Vincunas 1995 Trust, Robert L. Shumway, trustee, and Shumway Nominee Trust I to OCH Realty LLC, 455 Russell St., \$525,000.

Norwottuck Inn Holding Co. LLC, to Roger A. Fuller, trustee, George F. Hinton, trustee, and F & H Properties Funding Trust, 206 Russell St., \$485,000.

## HAMPDEN

David J. Turcotte and Heather E. Turcotte to Kyle M. Jourdain and Kimberly M. Jourdain, 358 Somers Road, \$430,000.

Marcia E. Buckley to Community LD LLC, Fernwood Drive, \$30,000.

Tania Airoidi to Jennifer J. Maloni, 179 Allen St., \$215,000.

## HAWLEY

David R. Desmarais to Chinloo

Lama and Salvatore F. Lama, 214 West Hawley Road, \$40,000.

## HEATH

F. Walter Gleason to Olivia Dubrule and Brendan J. Gerry, 405 Route 8A and Jacksonville Stage Road, \$25,000.

F. Walter Gleason to Todd M. Gerry Jr., and Katelyn M. Choiniere, Sumner Stetson Road and Jacksonville Stage Road, \$32,000.

Edward Forlie, Maria Huffman, “aka” Marie Huffman, to Cory Mason, 14 Knott Road, \$67,000.

## HOLLAND

David R. Markey to Community LD LLC, and Jonathan Yunatanov, 18 Apple Tree Lane, \$1,500.

Denton R. Hutchens and Stefanie A. Hutchens to Kelvin J. Zayas, 73 Stafford Road, \$310,000.

## HOLYOKE

Alfaville LLC, to Melissa Michelle McCarthy-Bates, Maple Crest Drive, Unit 224C, \$154,900.

Amanda L. Tourigny to Luz M. Valdes Ortiz and Doel Alvarado Diaz, 356 MacKenzie Ave., \$215,000.

Amelia Mosley to Edmund J. Gorman, 324 West Franklin St., \$285,000.

Ashley Galvez to Luis A. Perez and Tania Caraballo, 87 North East St., \$167,500.

Derek M. Sicotte and Jennifer Lee Sicotte to Kayleigh Fischietto, 159 St. Jerome Ave., \$240,900.



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## HOLYOKE

Edward M. Antil to Amy B. Taylor, 155 Cross Road, \$240,000.

Gene A. Choquette to Miguel A. Rivera, 133 Sky View Terrace, \$215,000.

Jairo Aguilar and Rita Aguilar to Jose F. Rebollar, 2 Meggison Lane, \$260,000.

Kimberly M. Jourdain and Kyle M. Jourdain to Rhonda Dow, 19 Knollwood Circle, \$230,000.

Michelle M. Hernandez, Michelle M. Miller and Alberto Hernandez to Craig L. King Jr., and Kia N. Burton-King, 70 Pearl St., \$230,000.

Ronald Poirier to JVR LLC, 150 Suffolk St., \$285,000.

Zbigniew Fabin and Mary E. Fabin to Waseem Mudasar, 3 Humeston Slope, \$293,000.

## LONGMEADOW

Anthony S. Guardione to Leslie Picard LLC, and Linda Butler, 115 Quinnehtuk Road, \$525,000.

Kenneth E. Brill and Catherine Uroff Brill to Thomas Yager and Julia Yager, 30 Pleasantview Ave., \$417,000.

Marcia G. Albert to Hilary Ann Considine and Matthew Ryan Bouthilette, 30 Plymouth Road, \$389,900.

Timothy L. Plankey and Tassie J. Plankey to Nathan Jahliyl Hogan and Angelica Hogan, 27 S Park Ave., \$375,000.

## LUDLOW

Elaine R. Bernardo to Cornerstone Homebuying LLC, 860 East St., \$130,000.

Emtay Inc., to Harrison J. Piper and Margaret R. Drennan, 48 Letendre Ave., \$295,000.

Judith Anne Evaristo to Muharrem Gunaydin, 35-37 Joy St., \$350,000.

## MONSON

Peter D. Martins and Lori S. Martins to Kenneth F. Michelson and Michele C. Michelson, Lakeshore Drive, \$84,000.

Sharon E. Johnson to Milad Afdasta, 9 King St., \$555,000.

## MONTAGUE

St. Kazimierz Society Group 1625 PNA, St. Kazimierz Society Inc., and SW Kazimierza Society to 108 Properties LLC, 197 Avenue A, \$280,000.

Sandra B. Mayo to Mattie Hamer and Elizabeth Walber, 26 Grove St., \$266,000.

Marcia D. Norwood and Gary N. Stone Sr., to Jessica M. Felix, Deborah A. Prentice, Robert J. Prentice and Terry L. Prentice, 478 Federal St., \$36,000.

Ernest L. Brown and Carole A. Brown to Diane M. Grube and John W. Grube, 12 Marshall St., \$285,000.

## NORTHAMPTON

Georganne Sexton and Martin Sexton to Rosie Alig and Peter S. Lynch, 31 Murphy Terrace, \$415,000.

Aquadro Family LLLP, and Daniel J. Gleason, general partner, to Daniel Gleason and Alison Gleason, Kennedy Road, \$2,070.

Brett R. Barry to John Lee and Ga Yee Park, 212-214 South St., \$450,000.

Aquadro Family LLLP, and Daniel J. Gleason, general partner, to Carly Everhart and Madeleine Hubbell, 640 Kennedy Road, \$680,000.

Bais Pinchos to 737 Northampton LLC, 737 Bridge Road, \$1,935,370.

Peter Frothingham to Richard J. Ranti and Andrea F. Bonsignore, 196 Round Hill Road, \$655,000.

Joanne Bousquet and Jamie Bousquet to Catherine A. Eaton, 266 Grove St., \$197,000.

Randall K. Bartlett and Catherine E. Bartlett to Douglas F. Leigh and Linda J. Krebs, Pilgrim Drive, \$12,826.

John J. Stanisewski Jr., Jonathan J. Stanisewski and Sandra A. Stanisewski to Luke Browne and Graziella Dierenzo, 114 Williams St., \$335,000.

Xiaoxue Gao to Janeen Costa, 90 Musante Drive, \$549,900.

Sik Kim Ang and Yin Ping Liew to Seth A. Cable and Summer S. Cable, 541 Riverside Drive, \$510,000.

Susan Kohler Gray and Susan Kohler-Gray to Edward A. Klepacki Jr., 107 Baker Hill Road, \$10,690.

## NORTHFIELD

Abby L. Brockelbank to Sandra L. Mayo and Nathan D. Tibbetts, 73 Main St., \$398,998

Donald L. Tefft and Cheryl L. Tefft to Jared R. Gibson and Tammy J. Gibson, West Road, \$500.

## ORANGE

Robert H. Robinson to Brenda Brier and Neill Sleeper, Tully Road, \$155,000.

Robert H. Robinson to Carolyn A. Redner, Joseph E. Redner and Joseph H. Redner, Tully Road, \$60,000.

Beremco Inc., to Pamela Moynahan, Daniel Shays Highway, \$45,000.

Tammi-Lynn Marie Bowles, "aka" Tammi-Lynn Marie LaBier, Roger Edmund LaBier Jr., Terri Jean LaBier, Troy Robert LaBier and Steven Dahl to Kristina Dorn, Hans Rickheit and Joan Cater Steele, 79 Fountain St., \$150,000.

Donald F. McHugh and Claire B. McHugh to Theodis Colon Williams, 454 East River St., \$231,000.

## PALMER

Blake E. Lamothe and Robin M. Lamothe to Stephen Anthony Chobot and Shendel Chobot, 4192 Main St., \$265,000.

Carlos Fragoso Serrazina to Joshua Howe and Alexandria Jean Howe, 123 Boston Road, \$427,000.

## SHELBURNE

Diane Poland to Andrew E. Smith and Nancy A. Smith, 2 South Maple St., \$215,000.

## SHUTESBURY

Stephen C. Westerling and Angela L. Westerling to Gus Sideris, 430 Montague Road, \$235,000.

Nathalie A. Kissel to Robert I. Brown and Joan R. Green, 91 West Pelham Road, \$354,000.

## SOUTH HADLEY

Jeffrey T. Borowski and Lori K. Borowski to Jeffrey T. Borowski, 48 Michael Drive, \$40,000.

Jessica Poser to Compton Bissell Hazen and Tammy Kay England, 100 East St., \$287,000.

Deborah A. Tetrault and Thomas B. Taylor to Nicholas J. Rojas and Emily A. Rojas, 22 Queen Circle, \$215,000.

Lucille V. Dachos and Deborah S. Dachos, attorney-in-fact, to Timothy J. Dachos, 10 Normandy Road, \$240,000.

## SOUTHAMPTON

Charles M. Fisher, trustee, and Charles M. Fisher Living Trust to Daviau & Robert Properties LLC, Fomer Road, \$194,800.

Teresa M. Adams to Stephen Thor Johnson and Laura Stookey Johnson, 20 Wolcott Road, \$369,543.

## SOUTHWICK

Fiore Realty Holdings LLC, to Hamelin Framing Inc., Silvergrass Lane, \$120,000.

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Hamelin Framing Inc., Silvergrass Lane, \$120,000.

Frederick H. Bohn to Thomas R. McCabe, 78 Point Grove Road, \$255,000.

Lisa B. Hart, Lisa J. Tower and Lisa B. Tower to Jean R. Parisi, 3 4th St., \$295,000.

Saltmarsh Brothers Construction Inc., to Giberson Construction Inc., 22 Noble Steed Crossing, \$95,000.

## SPRINGFIELD

Alex T. Boyd and Morena Boyd to Victor M. Aguirre Jr., 39 Crestmont St., \$200,300.

Allspring Equities LLC, to Miles Morgan LLC, 36 Dover St., \$1,025,000.

Andres Dominguez to Margarita Nunez Ferrand and Ysrael De Jesus Reyn oso Casado, 22 Loring St., \$231,500.

Arthur Walsh and Tricia Walsh to Prime Partners LLC, 178 Thompson St., \$114,000.

Bertram Williamson, Marta Williamson, Ian B. Williamson and Romaine Williamson to Ogarth Peters, 23-25 Daniel St., \$225,000.

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# Cracked marble? Acrylic-epoxy adhesive can help

By JEANNE HUBER  
The Washington Post

**Q.** The marble (I think) top of my buffet has a serious crack in it. I have called two or three countertop/stone companies to repair it, but no luck. I would be happy with a simple “glue job.” How can I fix this?

**A.** It isn’t clear from the picture you sent whether the corner has broken off or whether the stone is just cracked. A crack is easier to deal with, but either way, you should be able to get reasonably good results by using an acrylic-epoxy adhesive tinted to approximately match the stone. Get a knife-grade adhesive, which means it has a putty-like consistency. That’s a lot easier to control than a free-flowing liquid.

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**As with several other kinds of stone fillers, including pure epoxies, epoxy-acrylics are two-part formulas: the basic product plus an activator. But unlike some products that are mixed in equal amounts, with epoxy-acrylics, you need only a tiny bit of activator, no more than 3%.**

with epoxy-acrylics, you need only a tiny bit of activator, no more than 3%. Mixing in the activator starts the clock ticking; after that, you have only a short window until the material starts to harden. The more product you mix at once, the more heat the chemical reaction gives off — and the more heat, the faster it hardens. Especially if you are trying to reattach a broken-off chunk, the trick is to mix just enough adhesive to hold the two pieces together. If the squeeze-out when you press them together doesn’t completely fill the gap, no worries. You can mix more later to fill in any gaps.

Andrew Geronimo, a product manager at BB Industries, a company in Knoxville, Ten-

nessee, that supplies a wide range of products and equipment for the stone industry, recommends using Akemi Platinum 4 Knife Grade Epoxy Acrylate. A quart of this epoxy-acrylic plus a tube of activator costs \$40.95 when ordered from the company website, **bbindustriesllc.com**. (A notice on the website warns that hazmat charges may apply, but there is an extra charge only if you want the product shipped by air rather than ground.)

Geronimo said one reason he recommends the epoxy-acrylic is its price, which is less than one-third the price for a pure epoxy, such as Akemi Akepox Knife Grade

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### SPRINGFIELD

- Bruce F. Hambro to DDM Property Group LLC, 1635 Page Boulevard, \$597,000.
- Bruce L. Tetrault to Angel Rodriguez Jr., 115 North Branch Parkway, \$245,000.
- Mariners Atlantic Portfolio LLC, to Emtay Inc., 196 Oak Grove Ave., \$131,000.
- Cam-Huyen Truong to Khai D Do and Oanh Thi Tu Nguyen, 631-633 Dickinson St., \$205,000.
- Union Street Springfield Massachusetts LLC, to Miles Morgan LLC, Union Street, \$5,450,000.
- Federal National Mortgage Association and Fannie Mae to Nancy Almodovar Gartman and Anthony A. Gartman, 82 Birchland Ave., \$205,000.
- Donna M. Panuccio to Cleiton Da Silva Tavares, 85 Acushnet Ave., \$255,000.
- Ellen Sambrook to DiRico Property

- & Management LLC, 206 El Paso St., \$85,000.
- Equity Trust Co., custodian, Robert Lareau IRA, and Robert Lareau to Juan Guzman and Zoraida Guzman, 186 Davis St., \$290,000.
- Evelio Velez Garcia and Ramona Santiago to Kidany J. Valentin Gonzalez, 28 Wilmont St., \$238,000.
- Frank J. Delvalle and Jody L. Delvalle to Alex S. Krake and Meredith L. Krake, 138 Wilber St., \$223,000.
- Ilesha M. Ramos to Adam Lataille and Jackie Lataille, 102 Pembroke St., \$210,000.
- James C. Lee to Ale Moultrie III, 62 Pear St., \$215,000.
- Jorge Santana to Genaro Vargas, 540-542 White St., \$297,000.
- Jose P. Ferreira and Jose F. Ferreira to Siomara Vega, 1031 Worcester St., \$245,000.
- Juan J. Guzman and Zoraida Guzman to Isaiais Garcia Medina, 35 Brookline Ave., \$245,000.
- Keith E. Tatlock, Christina D. Tatlock and Cristina D. Tatlock to 9 York Street Family LP, 78-80 Beverly Lane, \$266,500.
- Keith R. Sheppard and Karolynn U.

- Sheppard to Tatiana L. Myrick, 169 Westminster St., \$230,000.
- Keith W. Fowler and Marie C. Fowler to Szu-Ming Li, 94-96 Byers St., \$212,000.
- Leonardo Toro and Luz B. Toro to Brandon Gonzalez, 92-94 Melha Ave., \$345,000.
- Leticia Guzman and Leticia Guzman-Ilera to Karl W. Rehbein and Jason Michael Rehbein, 34 Sumner Ave., Unit G PB 9, \$125,000.
- Lloyd A. Cameron and Flora Cameron to Lourdes M. Gomez, 100 Northampton Ave., \$240,000.
- Lucille R. Lomascolo and Lucille Lomascolo to Jorge Luis Martin, 41 Fitzgerald Road, \$230,000.
- Luis A. Perez and Yashira Soto-Perez to Nikita Chauhan, 20 Revere St., \$215,000.
- Maria I. Aponte, Maria I. Ortiz and Hector L. Aponte to Aykut G. Uner and Kim Nguyen, 148 Euclid Ave., \$126,600.
- Maria Manuela Silva to Nadalya Rivera, 109 Lyons St., \$230,000.
- Maria Velez to Raul Medina and Ana M. Medina, 20 Margerie St., \$130,000.

- Matthew R. Benito to Ellen M. Randle, trustee, and Ellen M. Randle 2015 Trust, trustee of, 561 Nassau Drive, \$138,000.
- Naples Property Group LLC, to Wacław Hojnoski, 166 Oak St., \$229,650.
- Oussama Awkal to Crystal Everett, 81-83 Prospect St., \$203,000.
- R M Blerman LLC, to Jessica A. Ritchie, 85 Alden St., \$230,000.
- Raheem D. Ovalles, Carleen M. Olivo-Ovalles and Carleen M. Olivo to 9 York Street Family LP, 103 Barre St., \$205,000.
- Robert G. Ferron and Pearline A. Ferron to Shawn Summers, 104 Wilmont St., \$270,000.
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- Ryan Charles Thomas to Meghan Boesch and Andrew Coble, 14 Benz St., \$255,000.
- Sergey Dikan to Victor M. Medina Bernal, 52-54 Calhoun St., \$340,000.
- Sultan Mourad to Pioneer Housing LLC, 95-97 Genesee St., \$225,000.
- Susan Ortiz and Jose A. Santiago

- to Jorge Lopez and Marilu Perez, 736 St James Ave., \$190,000.
- Susan R. Scott, Finn Scott, Mark D. Stambovsky, Phillip A. Stambovsky and Linda Stambovsky to Erik G. Scott, 16 Kenwood Terrace, \$60,000.
- Tina M. Goff and Tina M. Cimino to Jose Blanco, 85-87 Ardmore St., \$260,000.
- U S Bank, trustee, and Ajax Mortgage Loan Trust 2015-B, trustee of, to James W. Fiore, 139 Berkshire Ave., \$125,000.
- WVSpringfield LLC, to Miles Morgan LLC, Lincoln Street, \$850,000.

### WARE

- Dianna E. Sokol, Diana E. Sokol and Dianna E. Teed to Anderson Builders & Son LLC, 135 Walker Road, \$140,000.
- Frederyque L. Koetsch and William P. Koetsch to Isis Anadon, 89 Church St., \$205,000.
- Michael Davis and Lauren F. Davis to Anthony L. Wallace and Leslie L. Wallace, 118 Glendale Circle, \$241,000.

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# Reich

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small greenhouse to grow as transplants, can be presprouted in a small jar. Light is not needed for presprouting. I only presprout a few kinds of seed and avoid doing so with fungicide treated seeds because of the extra handling presprouting requires.

Presprouting works well even with plants that do not transplant well, such as lupines or carrots. It also might be worth doing with plants not worth growing as

transplants, such as peas and beans, because of the paltry yield per plant.

Presprouting has the advantage of getting sluggish seeds to germinate faster than they would out in the garden. An example that comes to mind is parsley, which is said to need to travel to hell and back nine times before it finally pokes up through the ground. Germination is hastened as sprouting inhibitors are washed out of seeds and by the nearly ideal moisture, air, and temperature conditions seeds can be given indoors.

One more reason you might

want to presprout seeds is when space is tight in the vegetable garden. Then something else can still be growing in the ground outdoors during the few days that seeds are presprouting indoors.

Large seeds are the easiest to sprout indoors. Soak the seeds for a half a day or so to plump them up, then drain off the water. Keeping the jars by the kitchen sink is a convenient reminder to rinse them a couple of times a day, or enough so they never dry out. A canning jar with a screen for a lid works well, as would any other container to which you

could add and pour off water without losing the seeds.

With small seeds, spread them out after their half-day soak on a piece of paper towel, blotter paper, or filter paper laid on a dish. Then cover the seeds with another piece of moist paper and some sort of a lid to maintain humidity. Petri dishes are ideal for sprouting small seeds.

Keep all these seeds warm, then get ready to plant soon after you see little white root radicles start poking through their seedcoats. Be gentle with the seeds to avoid damaging those delicate radicles. Dump

larger seeds onto a tray or plate to be plucked individually into waiting ground. Thoroughly mix small seeds with some dry sand or fine potting soil so that they are easier to spread along a furrow.

Water the sprouted seeds in their holes or furrows before covering them with soil. Then firm the soil in place and stand back!

*Any gardening questions? Email them to me at [garden@leereich.com](mailto:garden@leereich.com) and I'll try answering them directly or in this column. For online and live workshops, see [leereich.com/workshops](http://leereich.com/workshops).*

# Deeds

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## WARE

Steven J. Alonso and Beth Ellen Alonso to Joshua D. Orton and Martha A. Orton, 232 West St., \$290,000.

Foley Capital LLC, to M & G Land Development LLC, Highland Street, \$25,000.

John Michael Skutnik, William S. Skutnik, Ruth P. Skutnik and William S. Skutnik, attorney-in-fact, to William S. Skutnik and Ruth P. Skutnik, 8 Oak Ridge Circle, \$100.

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David A. Richard and Bette A. Richard to Robert L. Koonz and Jennifer M. Koonz, Jennison Road, \$100.

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Dennis P. Powers and Mary Paier Powers to Derek Lee Ferguson and Christine Marie Ferguson, 25 Appaloosa Lane, \$500,000.

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Martin to Adam L. Dasso, 56 Len-nys Way, \$560,000.

Ivelis Fernandez-Almodovar and Jorangel Marrero to Juan A. Nunez, 146 Overlook Drive, \$350,000.

John E. Schutt and Patricia A. Schutt to Israfil Afrailov, 79 Lowell St., \$65,000.

Rosa Leo, Amelia Leo, Felix Grazia-no, Fiore Graziano, Tony Graziano and Anthony Graziano to Hem Raj

Rai and Suk Maya Rai, 111 East Gooseberry Road, \$313,000.

Shirley J. Brathwaite to John J. Sawyer, 170 Meadowbrook Ave., \$250,500.

Thomas M. Pirnie to Christina R. Duross and Brianna Pirnie, 20 Lowell Ave., \$190,000.

Vladimir Shandrin to Mariia Leider-man, 41-43 Sprague St., \$270,000.

## WESTFIELD

Allyn J. Gieryk and Allyn J. Mula-nouskus to Stanley W. Sawa and Janice C. Sawa, 238 Dox Road, \$319,500.

Angel R. Santiago and Kimberly Santiago to Sarah I. Phipps and Daniel S. Letteriello, 28 Laro Road, \$285,000.

Brian Sabonis and Roxanne Sab-onis to Susan D. Soucy, Paul-John

Soucy, Paul Soucy and Zachary Soucy, 50 Union St., \$262,900.

Carmen T. Cross to Victor Marcu and Nadejda Marcu, 114 Northridge Road, \$303,000.

Kristine M. Seney to Christopher Eck and Regan Lenane, 74 Ridge-way St., \$245,000.

Marilyn A. McNeil to Thomas Val-entine II, 6 William St., \$165,000.

Robert Browning and Paula Browning to Adam P. Simmons, 29 Joseph Ave., \$230,000.

Sherry L. Hoagland, representa-tive, and Donald B. Hoagland, es-tate, to Maria Providencia Seddon, 5 Conner Ave., \$226,000.

Wells Fargo Bank to K&R Real-Es-tate Solutions LLC, 2 Linden Ave., \$128,000.

## WHATELY

Andrew F. Gianino Jr., Janice R. Gianino and Roger W. Shattuck to Tight Line Properties LLC, 83 State Road, \$160,000.

## WILBRAHAM

Janice F. Kozub to Brettta Construc-tion LLC, 18 Forest Glade Drive, \$159,900.

# Marble

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Epoxy Adhesive (\$135.95). That product stands up better outdoors but isn't needed for a project like yours, he said.

The basic epoxy-acrylic dries clear, which provides a seamless look when two pieces mate closely and is often a good option when small divots need to be filled.

Geronimo recommended tinting the adhesive, using K-Bond Polyester Adhesive Color Paste. It's sold for \$54.95 as a kit with 10 colors that can be mixed drop by drop for a custom color. But you might do fine by just getting a bottle of the Buff color (\$6.95 for two ounces). Mix the tint into the basic adhesive and add the ac-tivator only once you are happy with the color match. The color will change very little after the

activator is added, Geronimo said.

Before you add activator, have a plan for holding the pieces together if you're dealing with separate pieces. A clamping system works best, but Geronimo said hand pressure alone might suffice, especially if the pieces are fully supported by the cabinet. Whether you're dealing with separate pieces or simply trying to fill the crack, ensure the

surfaces are clean and dry.

Once you mix in the activator, you'll have five to 15 minutes of working time. If you're bonding two pieces, spread a thin layer on one piece and press the other piece tightly to it. Clamp, if possible, or keep hand pressure on the joint, but have a helper at the ready, so one of you can scrape off excess adhesive as the mixture begins to harden but is not completely set. Scrape back and forth over

the crack with a sharp razor blade held at a right angle to the surface. This will gradually shave off the patch, leaving it level with the stone.

The adhesive should be fully set in 15 to 40 minutes, depend-ing on the temperature, how much activator you used and how much material you mixed. Working when the temperature is below 41 degrees Fahrenheit or adding less than 1% activator considerably delays hardening.



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# SOARING FOR FREEDOM



## Air National Guard's 104th Fighter Wing







Col. William T. “Sling” Bladen, Commander, 104th Fighter Wing, Barnes Air National Guard Base in Westfield stands with nose art of a F-15 with an American flag with all the unit member’s names listed. (DAVE ROBACK PHOTO)

On June 8, 2020, I took command of the 104th Fighter Wing at Barnes Air National Guard Base in Westfield, absolutely one of the proudest days in my life and one I will never forget. I want to share my speech, which I framed as a “Letter to the Wing” because it describes my feelings, our airmen’s amazing contributions over time and the wing’s dedication to service in support of the commonwealth and our great nation since 1947.

This letter is true today, as it was in the past and will be in the future. Additionally, I want to thank all of our community partners who constantly hold steadfast in their support of all our Barnestormers.

## A letter to the 104th Fighter Wing:

Defending the idea of America and protecting Americans and taking part in the great American experiment, not as bystanders, but as an integral part...it’s really difficult and complicated business. I do not have all the answers, and I certainly don’t know exactly what the future holds.

But we have something very powerful: 1,000 highly intelligent, compassionate and motivated airmen. And, each of you has a voice, a voice that deserves to be heard, even if it’s just a whisper. We must listen to each other, we must take care of one another and we must

have the courage to do what is right for our nation.

I’ve been blessed to be a part of some of the best units in the Air Force, but the 104th is the crown jewel. I cannot begin to put into words the past six months. The challenges, the difficulties, the worry, the courage, not just from our members, but our families as well.

We’ve had our brothers and sisters deployed to multiple locations. We have mobilized a quarter of the wing in support of Operation Noble Eagle. We continue to sit 24-hour alert in defense of the nation. We’ve weathered the ridiculous mental, physical,

and emotional strain of supporting the COVID recovery. And, we’ve recently executed some very short-notice missions with the grace and dignity the American public deserves.

Like the stories we’ve heard from our grandparents who served during World War II and Korea, from our parents during Vietnam, the Gulf War, and 9/11, airmen all over the wing are today writing their stories of military service. These are the days you’ll tell your children and grandchildren about.

My story will be about you - the volunteerism to serve, the ingenuity, the resilience

of your families, the tremendous strength of character and your willingness to do your duty without hesitation, not when it’s easy, but when it’s hard.

This letter is about you. About how you protect our freedom. How you stand the watch. And, how we continue to strengthen the cohesive fabric of our wing. I’m just so humbled, appreciative, and excited to be a part of it, to be a part of you.

Your comrade in arms,  
**Col. Tom Bladen**



# SOARING FOR FREEDOM



F-15s from the Air National Guard's 104th Fighter Wing are seen on the ground after morning training flights at the base at Barnes Regional Airport in Westfield. (DAVE ROBACK PHOTO)

For 75 of the nearly 100 years that Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport has existed, there has been a military unit based at the municipal airport.

The land that was to become Barnes Airport was, during World War I, home to Camp Bartlett, where Army National Guard infantry troops, members of the famed 26th Yankee Division.

The airfield was dedicated on Oct. 12, 1923 as Westfield Aviation Field. The National Guard's 131st Tactical Fighter Squadron landed at Barnes in May 1946. Its first pilots, veterans of World War II, flew P-47D Thunderbolts,

then-cutting-edge aircraft that had been produced for the war.

Today, nearly eight decades and seven aircraft later, the Air Guard's 104th Fighter Wing is on the precipice of a possible transition to fly a next-generation Air Force aircraft. The state of Massachusetts, joined by regional and municipal leaders, is lobbying the Air Force to assign a modern, fifth-generation fighter to the 104th.

Under consideration are the F-35A Joint Strike Fighter and F-15EX fighters, an

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2nd Lt. Seth Desnoyers, Jay Kline, Ed Roman, Caitrin Ferriter, Tom Flaherty, Sr. and Col. William Bladen (left to right) as WG+E presents a check for energy efficiency measures at Barnes Air National Guard Base.



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Left and center: F-15s at the Air Guard’s 104th Fighter Wing are seen on the ground at Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport; ground crews attend to post-flight maintenance.

Bottom: A helicopter lands at Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport as an F-15 with the Air Guard’s 104th Fighter Wing awaits refueling. In the background is the GulfStream regional maintenance facility, situated on the east side of the airport grounds.  
(DAVE ROBACK PHOTOS)



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## Freedom

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updated model of the current Eagle aircraft based in Westfield. Gov. Charlie Baker traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with Pentagon officials on May 14. He is being joined by members of the state’s congressional delegation as well as the Massachusetts Military Asset and Security Strategy Task Force, state legislators and Westfield political and civic leaders in urging the F-35A aircraft land at Barnes.

The 104th base will undergo a site survey in late July as

part of the process in which the Air Force will determine plans for the new aircraft.

The guard unit last changed aircraft in 2007 when it completed its conversion to the F-15s. That conversion, which moved the F-15s west from Otis Air Guard Base on Cape Cod, was ordered by the federal Base Realignment and Closure Commission in 2005.

In these pages, readers will learn more about the 104th, its history, its role in the regional economy and the work the unit and its members do in federal and state missions.







In this file photo from 2007 as the Air National Guard's 104th Fighter Wing bids a formal farewell to its A-10 Thunderbolt II attack jets, are, from left, Maj. James J. Keefe, commander of the unit's 131st Fighter Squadron, Col. Gary W. Keefe and their father, retired Maj. Gen. George W. Keefe. Today, Gary Keefe, a major general, is adjutant general for the Massachusetts National Guard, and his brother is retired as commander of the 104th. Their father, who died in June 2018, served as the state's adjutant general from 1999 to 2005 and had 40 years of service with the 104th. Members of the next generation of the Keefe family are currently serving with National Guard units, including the 104th. (MICHAEL S. GORDON / THE REPUBLICAN FILE PHOTO)

The Pioneer Valley has been home to the men and women of the 104th Fighter Wing for 75 years. Throughout that time, we have always proudly served our neighbors in the city of Westfield and the surrounding communities, who have continuously supported us.

The nearly 1,000 airmen assigned to the 104th Fighter Wing live, work, and attend schools in the communities surrounding Barnes Air National Guard Base, where they serve both the commonwealth of Massachusetts and our nation. The devotion to duty of these airmen is matched only by the support we have received from our neighbors and community partners.

In addition to our federal mission to maintain and fly fighter aircrafts here at home, the 104th Fighter Wing deploys its airmen to support federal deployments around the world. Still, it is the wing's local mission – its state mission – which we hold nearest to our hearts: to preserve life and protect property throughout Western Massachusetts and the commonwealth in times of emergency.

Our airmen have supported count-

less state activations, from tornadoes and hurricanes to snowstorms and historic floods. This past year has proven that our will to serve our neighborhoods is the bedrock of why we serve. Our selfless airmen have been serving to provide care to fellow veterans at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke and other nursing homes; on medical teams performing testing and vaccination to support Massachusetts's COVID-19 response; and providing assistance to local law enforcement when needed. The dedication of the men and women of the 104th Fighter Wing proves that your "Barnstormers" answered when called and can be counted on when needed most.

The men and women of the 104th Fighter Wing have come a long way since the flight of the unit's first P-47 Thunderbolt I and the eight aircraft that followed throughout the decades, including the current fighter aircraft, the F-15C Eagle. Time and again, our friends and neighbors in the community were always there to say both "goodbye" and "welcome home" when our airmen were deployed,

whether it was overseas or regionally. Paramount to this mission is the 104th Fighter Wing's continuous 24/7 Air Combat Alert mission that protects the nation's northeast sector of air space, from New Jersey to the Canadian border, with air superiority.

We are excited to continue our proud tradition as the wing now prepares to host the Air Force's next generation fighter aircraft. Our current F-15C fleet is aging, and to continue the important mission to provide worldwide air superiority on demand, the nation and the Air Force need the 104th Fighter Wing to evolve.

While we are proud of the 104th Fighter Wing's many successes over the years, the Air Force now faces the challenge of maintaining an aging fleet of fighter jets at a time when our adversaries continue to expand threats through new technology. A decision by the U.S. Air Force identifying the 104th Fighter Wing and Barnes Air National Guard Base as a unit to be recapitalized for a next generation fighter aircraft will secure the future of Barnes Air National Guard Base and continue to protect our nation.

Community is our nation's – and our military's – most valued resource. Regardless of aircraft or missions, we can only succeed with the dedicated support and loyalty continuously demonstrated from our Airmen and our neighbors from the surrounding communities.

Like many at the 104th Fighter Wing, I am a multi-generational "Barnstormer," and I still call Western Massachusetts, and the 104th Fighter Wing my home. I am humbled and honored to lead the Massachusetts National Guard's Soldiers and airmen into the next generation side by side with our community partners to secure the 104th Fighter Wing's operational missions, and to respond here in the Commonwealth whenever and wherever our citizens and neighbors need "their National Guard."

**Maj. Gen. Gary W. Keefe**

The Adjutant General  
Massachusetts National Guard  
Proud Western Massachusetts resident





# ECONOMIC EFFECT

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy visits the troops along with Mayor Richard Sullivan at Barnes Municipal Airport in Westfield on Oct. 6, 2001, home of the Air National Guard 104th Fighter Wing. About 55 security personnel were activated to enhance base security. The activation came less than a month after the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks on America. (DON TREEGER / THE REPUBLICAN FILE PHOTO)

It is a point of pride for the city of Westfield to be home to the nationally recognized and award-winning Massachusetts Air National Guard's 104th Fighter Wing and the Massachusetts Army National Guard's 226th Division Aviation Support Battalion.

On any given day we can look to the sky and see them doing their important work, and we can hear them as they protect our country and respond to national and regional emergencies. It is the sight and sound of freedom.

Every day as a community we appreciate the work and sacrifice of the men and women who serve as part of our National Guard. We appreciate the volunteer work that the members play in the community, their partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Westfield, the mentorship they provide in our schools and the support provided for the development of the Aircraft Maintenance Program at the Westfield Technical Academy which currently has 70 students enrolled.

What may not be appreciated every day is the important

part the Guard plays in our local and regional economy.

At Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport, the National Guard employs 1,519 of our family members, friends and neighbors, having a total payroll of \$85.7 million. With a total economic output effect of \$104.3 million, this makes the Guard one of the Western Massachusetts region's largest employers and drivers of our local economy.

In addition to its direct economic impacts the Guard is a vital tenant of the airport. The lease with the city of Westfield requires that the Guard provide operational and maintenance services. These services allow the airport to be operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Having the airport accessible 24 hours a day is a significant competitive advantage which the airport leverages to attract and grow the private business development in and around the airport.

In recent years the airport has seen Gulfstream Aerospace invest over \$20 million in a new 100,000-square-foot hangar, adding 100 new aircraft maintenance techni-

cian jobs to its existing 130 employees. There has been a reinvestment by aircraft maintenance and services companies and operation of a vibrant restaurant.

All told there are 2,174 people who work at the airport with a total payroll of

technology, sound and noise mitigation and the airport office-terminal building itself. This investment has provided even more direct spending with Western Massachusetts contractors and vendors.

The Guard, airport and associated businesses pay sales

nology and delivery systems, including state-of-the-art aircraft. We also understand that the presence of the Guard is vital to the success of the Westfield and regional economy. The Guard is a valuable member of our community, and, as with every member of

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Because of the presence of the Guard and the success of Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport, the state and federal governments have invested tens of millions in capital spending to improve and modernize the runway and taxiway systems, the lighting

taxes, fuel taxes, employee taxes and income taxes totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars. The Guard is a true economic engine of the region.

The military mission of the Guard is critically important, and we are proud that they call Westfield home. We strongly support the need to upgrade to the latest tech-

our community, we will continue to support each other.

*Richard K. Sullivan Jr. is president and CEO of the Economic Development Council of Western Massachusetts. Sullivan, elected to seven terms as the mayor of Westfield, is now a sitting member of the Westfield City Council.*



# ECONOMIC IMPACT

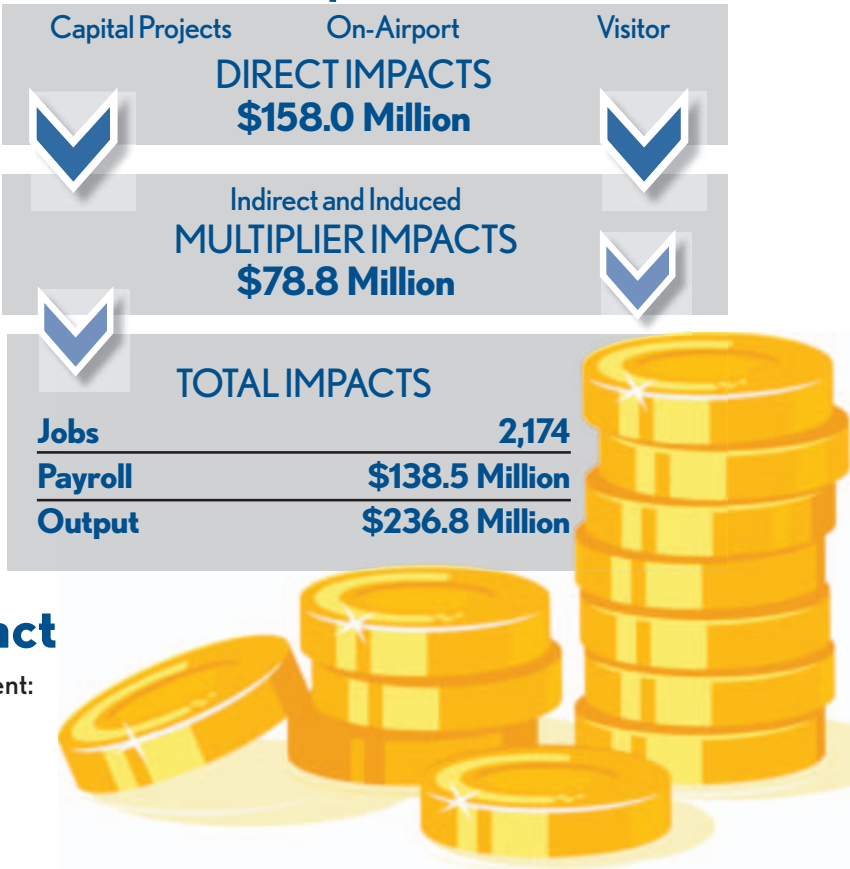
## TYPES OF ECONOMIC IMPACT

**DIRECT IMPACTS** account for the initial point where the money from aviation-related activity enters the economy. On-airport direct impacts can be found at the airport while visitor-related direct impacts take place off the airport.

**MULTIPLIER IMPACTS** result from the recirculation and re-spending of direct impacts within the economy. This re-spending of money can occur multiple times. For example, as airport employees spend their salary on clothing at a local retailer, those expenditures circulate through the economy resulting in increased spending, payroll, and employment throughout Massachusetts.

**TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS** are the sum of all direct and multiplier economic impacts attributable to an airport or the system of airports.

## Westfield-Barnes Airport Economic Impact



## 104th Fighter Wing Economic Impact

Military Payroll:	Facility Construction/Sustainment:
\$27,189,342.95	\$5,301,603.226
Civilian Payroll:	Other Expenditures:
\$27,903,416.83	\$10,100,136.80



Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport celebrated the completion of a six-month, \$7.6-million runway reconstruction project on Aug. 26 with a parade of historic aircraft and an eye toward luring the next generation of fighter aircraft to the airport’s Air National Guard Base. Thomas Mahoney, engineering director for the state Department of Transportation, and Mayor Donald F. Humason were among the speakers at the event. This project saw the reconstruction and resurfacing of the shorter of Barnes’ two runways, the 5,000-foot-long Runway 15-33, last reconstructed in the 1970s. The project was mostly paid for by the Federal Aviation Administration with \$6.77 million. The state Department of Transportation provided \$486,000 and the city of Westfield provided \$398,000.

(THE REPUBLICAN FILE PHOTOS)





TODAY'S MILITARY:

# The Air Guard

One of the F-15C Eagle jets assigned to the Air National Guard's 104th fighter wing sits outside the main base hangar at Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport. (AIR NATIONAL GUARD PHOTO)

**T**wo dozen young pilots and soldiers, fresh from duty in World War II, led the effort to establish an Air National Guard unit in Western Massachusetts.

It was in the spring of 1946 that the National Guard Bureau authorized the existence of a unit which would begin service as the 131st Fighter Squadron.

After initial gatherings in Holyoke and at the armory in Springfield that is now part of the MGM Springfield casino, the effort eventually landed in Westfield in 1947 at Barnes Airport, where the 104th Fighter Wing of the 21st century continues the tradition launched by that small band of citizen-soldiers.

As the world has evolved and changed over the past seven decades, so, too, has the Air Guard, which has not only a military mission but also a community mission that has seen the 104th cultivate close partnerships with the

city of Westfield and the entire region. The Guard unit remains among the region's largest employers, with more than 1,000 full- and part-time jobs and pumping nearly \$40 million a year into the region's economy.

In its first decade, during which much development of the base occurred, the unit cycled through a series of aircraft, including the arrival in 1957 of the F-86H Sabre jets, fresh from duty in Korea. The unit went from its first headquarters at the Westfield Armory and tents set up on a dirt tract at Barnes to its first hangar and buildings on a base that was formally dedicated on Oct. 19, 1952 with a grand open house and air show.

By 1956, the unit had grown to more than 1,000 personnel and an annual payroll of nearly \$1 million. That year, the unit evolved into group status, and the 104th Fighter Group was born, commanded by Col.

John J. Stefanik. Nearly 40 years later, in 1995, the unit was designated a fighter wing.

Over the course of its history, the unit has flown eight aircraft, beginning with the illustrious P-47 Thunderbolt and P-51 Mustang fighters that had proven an integral part of the nation's

a homeland security mission with its F-15 Eagles.

Life for members of the 104th changed dramatically on Oct. 1, 1961, when President John F. Kennedy ordered the activation of 75,600 Reserve and National Guard troops to bolster regular military forces in Europe. It

since World War II. By early November, some 750 members of the 104th would be stationed at what had been an abandoned air base in Phalsbourg, France. It would be late summer in 1962 before they would see U.S. soil again.

Like the nation's most recent war veterans, many

## The men and women of the 104th would again prove their mettle and the ability of the Guard to rotate its forces in and out of a combat situation in 1999.

air forces during World War II. Some of the unit's finest hours were marked with the A-10 Thunderbolt II attack jets flown from 1979 through 2007. Today, the 104th flies

was the "Berlin Crisis," as the Soviets and East German Communists were threatening to move into West Berlin.

It was billed as the largest military airlift attempted

of them also taken away from their civilian lives when Guard and Reserve units were called to active duty, the troops from 1961's Operation Stairstep were shipped off to



an uncertain future. There were worries of war, most of which went unspoken and all of which, thankfully, never came to fruition.

The 104th lost only one of its members during the deployment. First Lt. Joseph F. Crehore was killed on March 21, 1962, when his F-86 crashed in a wooded area on a training mission. In an interview in 1991 marking the 30th anniversary of the deployment, Sgt. Robert Murphy, of Westfield, remarked about Crehore's death, "It wasn't pleasant, but most of the people had prior service - some in World War II, some in the Korean War. We accepted it because it was what we were over there for. With close to 800 troops and 30 pilots playing war games here and there, we were very fortunate to have lost only one."

In the course of the unit's history, it was not until 1995 that its pilots first flew into combat. In the 1990s, the unit had gained prominence in the national military community, reaping awards as a top-rat-

ed flying unit and one of the Guard's highest honors, an outstanding rating in a readiness inspection.

In the summer of 1995, as hostilities heated up in the former Yugoslavia, the 104th was again activated with its A-10s and citizen soldiers dispatched to an air base in Italy to serve as part of the United Nations peacekeeping mission to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Assigned to enforce the no-fly zone over the war-torn region, the unit marked several firsts in A-10 and National Guard history, the first night vision combat flight and the first night-vision search-and-rescue mission with the aircraft known as the Warthog. The pilot who completed those missions was Col. Michael R. Boulanger, who went on to become a commander of the 104th and, in retirement, mayor of the city of Westfield.

The men and women of the 104th would again prove their mettle and the ability of the Guard to rotate its forces in and out of a combat situation in 1999. The Pentagon tapped



One of the F-15 jets assigned to the Air National Guard's 104th Fighter Wing takes off at Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport one recent morning. In the foreground is the airport tower and some of the civilian aircraft that use the municipal airport. (DAVE ROBACK PHOTO)

the 104th to lead the Air Force's first expeditionary operations group as part of NATO's Operation Allied Force. The NATO air commander at the time said the unit's arrival proved the "turning point" in the campaign to Kosovo to halt the wrath of Slobodan Milosevic.

Later, it was during Boulanger's tenure as commander that the 104th was again called to active duty, this time in 2004 to participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In 2005, amid speculation that Westfield might become home to a fleet of F-16 Fighting Falcons, the federal Base

Realignment and Closure Commission voted to close Otis Air National Guard base on Cape Cod and to move its fleet of 18 F-15 Eagle fighters to Barnes. The move revamped the 104th's mission to one of homeland security.

# Thank you for your service

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## F-15 Eagle

### flagship flies with entire 104th

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jendrysik, left, 104th Maintenance Group, aircraft structural maintenance technician, and Master Sgt. Leo Burbee, right, aircraft structural maintenance supervisor, pose in front of the wing's flagship F-15C Eagle's new nose art in the wing's Main Hangar Jan. 22, 2021. The graphic featured on both sides of the F-15, appears to display the American flag, but upon closer look, the hundreds of names of members in the 104th Fighter Wing are visible.

(U.S. AIR NATIONAL GUARD PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. HANNA SMITH)

**By Staff Sgt. Hanna Smith**  
104th Public Affairs

After about six months of designing and planning, the Air National Guard 104th Fighter Wing's flagship F-15C Eagle, tail number 125, received new nose art graphics in late December.

The roughly 6-foot-by-4-foot graphic, featured on both sides of the F-15, appears to display the American flag, but upon closer look, displays the names of hundreds of members of the 104th.

Master Sgt. Leo Burbee, of Westfield, 104th Maintenance Group aircraft structural maintenance supervisor, was part of the team behind the jet's new nose art decals.

"The original inspiration behind the decals was the importance and tradition of

having airmen's names featured on a jet," said Burbee. "Typically, the only names on a jet are those of the pilot and dedicated crew chief. So, by putting all the wing members' names within the decals on the flagship jet it really demonstrates how we are all here on the same team, for the same reason."

The team also included a special component in the design process. They paid tribute to the wing's history by including the names of the wing's fallen.

"In addition to all of the names of all the current 104th Fighter Wing members, we also added all of the names that are a part of the base's F-100 memorial," said Burbee. "The memorial commemorates all of those who lost their lives while serving the 104th Fighter Wing. We

incorporated all of those names into the graphic in a special golden color so they would always be represented as part of the unit."

Burbee worked closely with the maintenance group commander, Lt. Col. Peter Carr, Tech. Sgt. Derek Jendrysik, an aircraft structural maintenance technician, and Tech. Sgt. Ryann Parker, maintenance command support staff member, to create the actual design for the decals.

"After I got the American flag design idea from Master Sgt. Burbee, I worked with Tech. Sgt. Parker from our command support staff section to compile a list of the names of everyone at the 104th Fighter Wing," said Jendrysik. "The most difficult part of the whole design process was trying to plan around the aircraft's systems includ-

ing antennas and lights and then figuring out the largest size font we could use in the remaining space."

Once the final designs for the decals were produced, Burbee and Jendrysik worked alongside Tech. Sgt. Michael Poudrier, dedicated crew chief for tail number 125, and Airman 1st Class Thomas Desrochers, aircraft structural maintenance technician, for several hours to apply the decals to the jet.

Wing commander Col. Tom "Sling" Bladen was impressed with how the airmen created and executed the decal project.

"I am proud of and astounded by all of the airmen involved in this project," said Bladen. "It was a huge team effort and the group's ability to take an idea and then turn it into this beautiful, symbolic

representation of our wing on the flagship jet, while dealing with all of the complexities of working around the aircraft's systems, is really eye-watering."

For Burbee, being able to have a hand in this experience was rewarding.

"It's really neat to be able to have a hand in designing and creating something like these decals that are going to have an impact on the members of the 104th for years to come," said Burbee. "What I find even more impactful is the idea that someone who doesn't get the opportunity to go out on the flightline gets to take their family out during an air show and be able to show them their name on the jet. The idea of that for me is the real reward."



# A 'jewel of the Air National Guard'

## Barnes Regional Airport celebrates new taxiway



By **JIM KINNEY**  
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**G**ov. Charlie Baker, U.S. Rep Richard E. Neal and a squadron of state and local officials welcomed a \$4.7 million taxiway and ramp project on May 27 at Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport.

The celebration of Taxiway Sierra came just weeks before an Air Force team is to visit Barnes the week of June 21 and evaluate the Air National Guard's 104th Fighter Wing base for upgrades either to the next-generation F-35 fighter jets — which would cement Barnes' role in the Air Force's plans for decades — or newer versions of the F-15s it has now. The F-15EXs wouldn't be the latest technology and wouldn't provide as much long-term security for the base.

Baker traveled to Washington, D.C., in mid-May to meet with Air Force brass at the Pentagon. Baker said he wasn't given an indication as to which new planes the unit will get. "They still are working on what they think is the best way to deploy," he said. "But they are very impressed with this base. They made that very clear to us. They love the fact that the community is so supportive of this base."

Maj. Gen. Gary Keefe, the state's adjutant general, called Barnes a "jewel" of the Air Guard, crediting that fact to Massachusetts' willingness to spend funds on improvements to military bases like Barnes. Taxiway Sierra is funded from the state's 2014 Military Bond Bill, which also funded a \$9 million runway resurfacing effort in 2014, almost \$1 million in energy efficiency improvements in 2015 and a \$12.2 million renovation of the main base hangar in 2018.

The taxiway will allow the Guard to refuel and, if necessary, rearm fighter jets without turning them off, thus saving more than an hour when pilots might not have time to waste. For civilian aircraft, the project will create new parking space big enough for three Boeing 737s, along with making it easier and safer for aircraft, such as those at Gulfstream, to move around on the ground.

The Guard also has an upcoming \$4.5 million gate project, planned for years on Southampton Road (Routes 10 and 202). Designed to be resistant to a ground attack by terrorists and similar to one recently built for the Connecticut Guard at Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks.

Elected officials and Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport leaders get together for a ceremonial groundbreaking of a new Taxiway Sierra on May 27. (HOANG 'LEON' NGUYEN / THE REPUBLICAN)



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# HISTORY OF 104<sup>TH</sup> FIGHTER WING



## 1942-1954

### August 23, 1942

333rd Fighter Squadron USAAF Activated

### January 1943

333rd Fighter Squadron USAAF assigned to 318th Fighter Group 11, 7th Air Force

### May 24, 1946

333rd Fighter Squadron USAAF re-designated 131st Tactical Fighter Squadron Air National Guard

### 1946 to 1951

P-47D Thunderbolt flown at the 104th

### 1951 to 1954

P-51D Mustang flown at the 104th

## 1954-1971

### 1954 to 1957

F-94A Starfire flown at the 104th

### 1957 to 1965

F-86H Sabre flown at the 104th

### October 1, 1961 - August 20, 1962

131st Tactical Fighter Squadron assigned to 17th Air Force USAFE in support of Operation Stair Step Phalsbourg Air Base, France

### August 20, 1962

131st Tactical Fighter Squadron and the 104th Tactical Fighter Group assigned to the MA Air National Guard

### 1964 to 1971

F-84F Thunderstreak flown at the 104th

## 1971-1995

### 1971 to 1979

F-100D Super Sabre flown at the 104th

### 1979 to September 12, 2007

A-10A Thunderbolt II aircraft flying at the 104th

### January 1991

Participated in Operation Desert Storm

### June 1, 1992

131st Tactical Fighter Squadron and the 104th Tactical Fighter Group re-designated 131st Fighter Squadron and 104th Fighter Group

### December 1992

Participated in Operation Restore Hope

### August to October 1995

Participated in Operations Deny Flight and Deliberate Force

## 1995-Today

### October 1995

104th Fighter Group re-designated the 104th Fighter Wing

### May 14 to July 1, 1999

Participated in Operations Allied Force and Noble Anvil

### September 12, 2001 to Today

Participated in Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom

### September 8, 2007 to Today

F-15C Eagle aircraft flying at the 104th



**1.** Republic P-47D Thunderbolt: This Republic P-47D Thunderbolt was equipped by the NACA with a survey rake to measure propeller thrust in-flight. This rake protruded from either side of the nose just behind the engine cowl. Langley flew this Thunderbolt from July 1944 until April 1948. NASA Identifier: L39462. **2.** A view of the North American P-51D Mustang before restoration crews at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force moved the aircraft into the WWII Gallery on Aug. 14, 2018. Several WWII era aircraft on display were temporarily placed throughout the museum to provide adequate space for the Memphis Belle exhibit opening events. (U.S. Air Force photo by Ken LaRock) **3.** Lockheed F-94B Starfire: Developed from the need for an all-weather, afterburning version of the P-80, the Lockheed F-94 Starfire was a more robust-looking aircraft with its radar nose and two-man crew. NASA Identifier: L74010. **4.** This restored North American F-86 Sabre, painted with the artwork of the 101st Tactical Fighter Squadron of the late 1950's and early 1960's has been proudly mounted as a static display in front of the headquarters building for the 102nd Intelligence Wing, Otis Air National Guard Base, Mass. The distinctive shamrock harks back to a time when these aircraft were based out of Logan International Airport in South Boston, Mass. Photo by Timothy Sandland. **5.** Casey Becker and Kaytlyn Laferriere, interns at the 104th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office, pose for a photo in front of a F-84 Thunderstreak static display on Barnes Air National Guard Base, Massachusetts, Mar. 26, 2021. The 104FW Public Affairs internship program provides valuable training and experience for undergraduate students in communication, public relations, and graphic design fields. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Hanna Smith). **6.** E-3213 North American F-100A Super Sabre on the ramp near the NACA High-Speed Flight Station in 1957. Some airplane characteristics are: Fuselage length, feet 45.64 Wing span, feet Original wing 36.58 Extended wing 38.58 Power Plant: Pratt & Whitney J57-P7 turbojet engine with afterburner; Airplane weight, pounds: Basic (without fuel, oil, water, pilot) 19,662 1957 NASA Photo / & F-100 Project Description. NASA Identifier: 306138main\_E-3213. **7.** An A-10 Thunderbolt II flies over Grand Bay Bombing and Gunnery Range at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., Feb. 18, 2016. Multiple U.S. Air Force aircraft within Air Combat Command conducted joint aerial training that showcased the aircrafts tactical air and ground maneuvers, as well as its weapons capabilities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Brian J. Valencia/Released) **8.** An F-15 Eagle assigned to the 104th Fighter Wing, Massachusetts Air National Guard, sits on the flight line at Bradley Air National Guard Base, East Granby, Connecticut, Sept. 3, 2020. The F-15 Eagle is an all-weather, extremely maneuverable, tactical fighter designed to permit the Air Force to gain and maintain air supremacy over the battlefield. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Steven Tucker) **9.** Aircraft 85-125 is the first F-15C Eagle at the 104th Fighter Wing to hit 10,000 flight hours. Lt. Col. John 'Rocket' Koegel flew the sortie on May 11, 2021 out of Barnes Air National Guard Base, Westfield Massachusetts that pushed the 'odometer' past 10,000 flight hours. (U.S. Air National Guard Photos by Master Sgt. Lindsey S. Watson)





Gov. Charlie Baker meets with members of the Massachusetts National Guard at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., on May 14. Members of the Air Guard's 104th Fighter Wing are among those deployed in support of the U.S. Capitol Police. The meeting came on the same day the governor met with Air Force officials to discuss consideration of the 104th for assignment of a new aircraft. (MASSACHUSETTS NATIONAL GUARD PHOTO)

## FROM PANDEMIC SUPPORT TO U.S. CAPITOL, 104TH SERVES STATE, NATION

**BY MASTER SGT.  
LINDSEY WATSON**

104th Fighter Wing-Public Affairs

**A**s an Air National Guard unit, the 104th Fighter Wing carries out both a federal and a state mission. The unit supports domestic operations at the request of the governor of the state.

From supporting COVID-19 response efforts at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke to assisting with security at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., Barnestormers have been kept busy over the past 15 months carrying out their missions, all while continuing to safeguard the Northeast with the unit's F-15C Eagles.

The behind-the-scenes work to execute the mission and take care of the unit's airmen starts with the Comptroller Flight and Force Support Squadron. Airmen who are put on orders to support the mission need paperwork prepared to authorize pay for their work, and each time their orders are extended, the comptroller flight needs to modify those orders.

"Knowing I can contribute during the COVID-19 response mission in a positive way and help people is pretty amazing," said Airman Jack Proulx, a financial management technician in the comptroller flight.

When the COVID-19 re-

sponse mission began, 104th members were among the Army and Air Guard members engaged to serve the veterans at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke in the midst of the virus outbreak that claimed more than 70 lives. Guard members provided medical and logistics support, as well as a ministry team for emotional support.

Capt. Tra-Vorus Weaver, a member of the 104th, was the first chaplain to arrive at the Soldiers' Home last spring and immediately began providing services and assessing where he could.

Over the course of the past year, hundreds of Barnestormers worked in support

of the COVID-19 pandemic and relied on the knowledge and expertise of the unit's public health officer to guide them in keeping safe while on base and in the community. The 104th Fighter Wing Medical Group public health team is being led by Maj. Barbara Jones.

Not only the public health team work to keep the 104th members educated and safe, but they also worked with other shops on base to develop equipment and facilitate access to information.

"Our civil engineering squadron has a 3D printer and is printing face shields for us in case we need them," said Jones. "Public affairs has been

massively helpful. They made a video on how members can reuse their N95 mask safely, if they have to."

A group of aerospace medical technicians and a medical administrator from the 104th Medical Group also spent time during the pandemic moving throughout Massachusetts to administer tests for COVID-19, sometimes serving at four locations per day.

The 104th Maintenance Group is one of the key groups supporting the wing's mission to provide highly trained personnel and equipment for dedicated service to the community, the commonwealth and the nation.





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(MASSACHUSETTS NATIONAL GUARD PHOTO)

"I'm proud of the entire Maintenance Group for what they've done to make sure that these jets are ready to go and their readiness hasn't dropped any," said Senior Master Sgt. Abdias Garcia, aircraft maintenance production supervisor. "We're still ready to go out and do whatever the mission may need."

Since COVID-19 has kicked off, we've had really high, fully mission-capable rates, so we've actually stepped it up to make sure that we're ready to meet the demands."

The communications flight works to ensure all things related to computers, landlines, cellphones, internet, intranet, and communications capabilities and infrastructure are working smoothly and kept up-to-date. With the implementation of large-scale teleworking to support social distancing recommendations, the communications flight has been busier than ever, assisting customers and doing it largely from their home offices.

While continuing to sup-

port the COVID-19 response mission the 104th answered the call to proceed to Washington D.C., on short notice and support mission there.

From January through last month, members of the Army and Air Guard from Massachusetts partnered with other National Guard units from across the country to provide security, communication, medical, evacuation, logistical and safety support at the Capitol.

"Getting the chance to be a part of and experience National Guard units and members from across the country come together for this mission was remarkable," said Senior Airman Dorian Ayala. "The most memorable part of this experience was when I got the chance to be posted around the Capitol building during President Biden's first annual address to Congress in April. I was among a select few who got the opportunity to salute the presidential motorcade as it passed the post."

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## BARNES-104TH PARTNERSHIP

# Key to Airport's Future

Christopher J. Willenborg, manager of the Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport, stands on the observation deck at the airport. The airport tower is seen in the background. (DAVE ROBACK PHOTO)

Ask Christopher J. Willenborg, manager of Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport, what the Air National Guard's 104th Fighter Wing means for the future of the municipal airport, and his answer is simple: Jobs.

Securing the best future path for the 104th will ensure the future viability of the airport that currently has a total economic impact for Western Massachusetts in excess of \$236 million and more than 2,000 jobs.

"Since the 104th Fighter Wing became a tenant at Barnes in 1947, they have been a significant partner here at the airport for many years," says Willenborg. "The services they provide in support of their mission help us to attract civilian services to the airport."

Consider Gulfstream Aerospace, for example, with its more than 300 jobs at its

northeast regional repair facility.

Consider the host of civilian users, from private pilots and charter services to Fly Lugu flight school, all of which rely on Barnes' runways being open and available 24 hours, seven days a week.

Consider Air Methods, the 24-hour air ambulance service which partners with Baystate Health and Hartford Hospital and flies Life Star helicopter missions for emergency medical care.

"The 104th, because of its mission, provides snow removal on the main runway," Willenborg explains. "This is a benefit to our civilian users." Just as important may well be the fire services provided by the Air Guard's Fire Department, which helps the airport gain the Federal Aviation Administration certification needed for the airport to host commercial air service.

A groundbreaking ceremony on May 27 officially set the stage for the latest infrastructure at Barnes that will benefit both the military and civilian users of the airport. The \$4.7 million project will see installation of a new taxiway on the east side of the airport. It is being funded entirely through the Massachusetts Military Asset & Security Strategy Task Force.

The task force was created in 2012 "to protect and expand missions, jobs and economic investments at and surrounding Massachusetts' military installations. Barnes is one of six installations with more than \$13.2 billion in total economic activity and support for more than 57,600 jobs. State Sen. John C. Velis, D-Westfield, who is co-chair of the Legislature's Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, is among the members of the task force.

The task force, according to Willenborg, who once served as its executive director and was formerly state aeronautics director, has been responsible over the past decade for pumping some \$20 million in investments into Barnes.

"These investments ensure the viabilities of military bases like Barnes, but also benefit the community and the airport," Willenborg says.

Not all of the investments are in brick-and-mortar infrastructure, he notes. A cooperative training program in aircraft maintenance in which Gulfstream has partnered with Westfield Technical Academy, the city's vocational high school, exemplifies a workforce development program. "Ours is one of only three or four such training programs in the country," Willenborg notes.

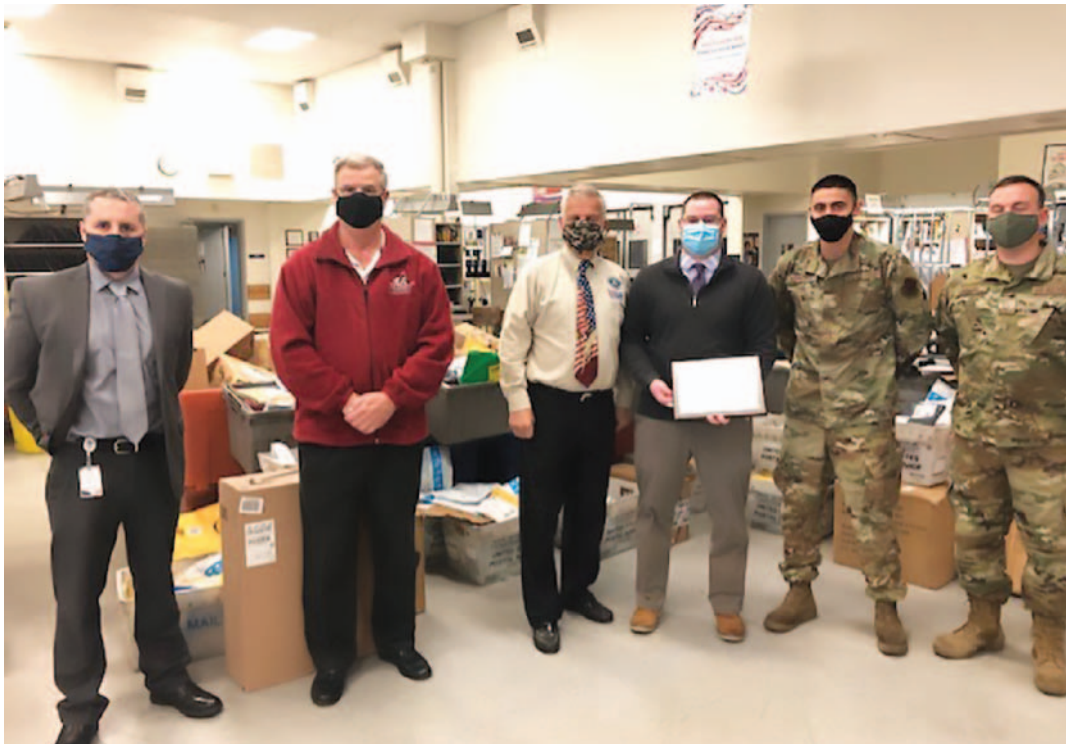
"The thing about aviation and, particularly in Westfield,

is it's all about the jobs that support aviation," he adds. Gulfstream's partnership with the technical academy helps train and prepare students for jobs as aircraft maintenance technicians, positions for which starting salaries range from \$50,000 to \$60,000 a year.

The city is urging the Air Force to bring the next generation of fighter aircraft, the F-35A to the 104th, according to Willenborg. "We feel it is important to have that modern fighter here to ensure the airport's viability for the next 50 to 60 years," he says.

"Every airport is different," says Willenborg. "However, Barnes is unique in its being civilian owned with a joint-use partnership with the military. Having the military as a tenant and the airport run by the city is a cost-effective use of taxpayers' dollars."





Mark Coppez, of Westfield, supervisor of customer services for the U.S. Post Office in Easthampton, was honored on April 13 by the Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve with the Patriotic Employer Award on behalf of the U.S. Department of Defense. Coppez's employee, Airman 1st Class Jeremy Rodriguez, of the Air Guard's 104th Fighter Wing, nominated Coppez for the award. The award recognizes civilians who contribute to national security by supporting employee participation in the National Guard and Reserve. "The award was completely unexpected," Coppez said. "I thought I was just doing my job, but Jeremy felt I was going above and beyond to help him, so he nominated me. The recognition felt good." In the photo from left to right are: U.S. Post Office operations manager Paul Buttafuoco, retired Master Sgt. Coppez, the honoree's father and a past member of the 104th, ESGR area chair Earl Bonett, Mark Coppez, Rodriguez and his supervisor, Master Sgt. Matthew Leonard. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

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# BARNES INNOVATORS

## set standard for Air Guard

Col. Tom Bladen, 104th Fighter Wing commander, and Brig. Gen. John Driscoll, commander of the Massachusetts Army National Guard - fifth from right, stand alongside Master Sgt. Bob Oleksak, 104th Maintenance Group fabrication element supervisor, and Leo Burbee, structural maintenance supervisor both holding awards, and their families following a small ceremony where they were presented with the 2020 Massachusetts Air National Guard Co-Innovator of the Year Awards and Air Force Achievement Medals Nov. 14, at Barnes Air National Guard Base, Massachusetts. (U.S. AIR NATIONAL GUARD PHOTO BY 1LT. AMELIA LEONARD)

**BY 1ST LT. AMELIA LEONARD**  
104th Public Affairs

**M**aster Sgt. Leo Burbee, 104th Fighter Wing Maintenance Group structural maintenance supervisor, and Master Sgt. Bob Oleksak, the maintenance group's fabrication element supervisor, were awarded the 2020 Massachusetts Air National Guard Co-Innovator of the Year Awards by Brig. Gen. John Driscoll, state commander of the Army National Guard, and the Air Force Achievement Medal by Capt. Jason Hickox, 104th Maintenance Squadron commander, on Nov. 14.

The innovation award recognizes Burbee's and Oleksak's innovative drive and spirit. From idea to

inception and development, they introduced a cost-effective F-15 Eagle panel repair technology to the Air Force. They engineered a solution in a way that will save the Air National Guard approximately \$150,000 and 650 man-hours annually.

Their process repairs damaged and out-of-tolerance fastener holes and not only fixes panels and doors, but also helps strengthen them. It will reduce the time necessary to fix each jet from six hours to one, using this new method.

"Our proposal is a cold work aircraft panel repair technology that significantly saves time, material and labor," said Oleksak.

Between the two of them, they have more than 51 years of experience in the fabri-

cation element, said Chief Master Sgt. Chester Bennett, equipment maintenance flight chief. "When they told

the National Guard Bureau's Innovation competition panel in June 2020 after competing and winning at the local and

smarter, cheaper and better," said Driscoll, who sat on the competition panel at the state-level. "They showed

**"They showed leadership through innovation. Leadership is not by rank or position. It is by an action. Good ideas know no ranks."**

me they had some sort of tool that's going to make it easier on their fabrication troops to get the job done, I completely trusted them."

They presented their idea to

regional level. They placed second nationally in a field of more than 200 competitors.

"They figured out what needed to be fixed and how to save time and money, do it

leadership through innovation. Leadership is not by rank or position. It is by an action. Good ideas know no ranks."

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they had to present





The 2020 Massachusetts Air National Guard Co-Innovator of the Year Awards Nov. 14, 2020, at Barnes Air National Guard Base, Massachusetts. (U.S. AIR NATIONAL GUARD PHOTO BY 1LT. AMELIA LEONARD)

their idea to the National Guard Bureau remotely via video teleconference. “They were part comedy, part serious, all discipline and all Barnestormer,” said Col. Tom Bladen, 104th commander. “They rocked it. I couldn’t be prouder. They are what makes Barnes great.”

One of the Defense Department’s priorities is innovative spirit and mindset, so although the 104th idea placed second in the competition, the Air National Guard will be funding and implementing the process across the entire F-15 fleet.

“Not only does this process save the government money, more importantly, it reduces repair time, which increases aircraft availability and combat readiness,” said Lt. Col. Pete Carr, maintenance group commander. “Additionally, this process can be used on other airframes as well, so this process will impact all service branches in the Department of Defense.”

Their collective innovative mindset extends beyond

this one F-15 repair solution. They are heavily involved in the maintenance of static aircraft displays at Barnes, said Bennett. “They are being innovative and grabbing other unit’s scrap metal and turning it into something that can be enjoyed by the 104th Fighter Wing members for years to come.”

The Massachusetts National Guard wants to foster the same kind of creative drive in all of its members. The innovator competition begins at the state level by submitting ideas to the Patriot Pitch program. From there, four finalists are selected to compete for a slot at the regional level, and ultimately in front of a panel at the National Guard Bureau.

“It was an exciting ride throughout the escalating levels of competition, and we never thought we would get as far as we did,” said Oleksak. “We would not hesitate to bring any other innovative ideas to this competition.”



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Senior Airman Sara Kolinski, 104th Fighter Wing public affairs specialist, prepares to take a photo on the flightline on Barnes Air National Guard Base in Westfield. Kolinski was named the Air National Guard Region One Outstanding Airman of the Year for 2020. (U.S. AIR NATIONAL GUARD PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. HANNA SMITH)



**BY STAFF SGT. HANNA SMITH**  
104th Public Affairs

**A**mong nominees from eight states, Senior Airman Sara Kolinski, from the 104th Fighter Wing, was named Air National Guard Region One Outstanding Airman of the Year for 2020.

"I'm very honored and humbled by being selected (Airman of the Year), but I couldn't have done it without all the amazing women and men that I serve with," said Kolinski, of Dudley, a public affairs specialist with the 104th. "Every single achievement I had for the year couldn't have been accomplished without a group of others who

were supporting me, or helping me, or mentoring me. It really is all about working together as a team to ensure the mission succeeds."

Kolinski joined the Air Guard in the summer of 2017, soon after graduating from Shepherd Hill Regional High School. Her older brother, Staff Sgt. Victor Kolinski serves as a civil engineer with the Air Guard 102nd Intelligence Wing in Otis.

"I wanted to do something that would give me a different experience and perspective on things than that of my peers, and I wanted to challenge myself," said Kolinski. "The Air National Guard seemed like the perfect choice that would be challenging, would give me the chance to do something different, provide me with a multitude of opportunities, and would still give me the time to go to college and achieve my dreams outside of the military while encouraging them and helping me excel."

As a public affairs specialist, Kolinski is responsible for being a professional communicator for the unit, with duties including still and motion images, writing a variety of journalistic pieces, managing and updating the unit's website and social media platforms, and being a media liaison.

"My favorite part of being in public affairs has been the opportunities to see a little bit of everything the Air Force has to offer and having met so many unique people who each have their own story that I can help them share," said Kolinski. "As an airman, I have gotten to spend time with the Fire Department during live fire training, with the explosive ordnance disposal team on the range, and with leadership at important events."

In her civilian life, Kolinski works as a patient care technician in the Baystate Noble Hospital emergency room and was recently awarded her bachelor's degree in health science at Westfield State University. She plans to pursue a career as a physician assistant.

"I keep a legitimate list of goals I am striving to achieve to ensure that every day I am becoming a better version of myself," said Kolinski. "Currently my biggest goal I am striving toward after graduating from Westfield State University is getting into physician assistant school. Some other goals I am working toward include doing something worthy of a TED talk, stepping foot on all seven continents by the time I'm 35, learning sign language, and volunteering in a third world

country, among many others."

Kolinski credits being who she is today to her experience in the Air Guard.

"The Air Force core values are integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do," said Kolinski. "So many airmen exemplify those attributes and being surrounded by people who strive to be their best, has motivated me as an individual to strive to be better. Apart from that, the opportunities I've had since enlisting have helped shape me as a leader, a communicator, and a team member. They have made me more resilient, courageous, and accepting, which are all traits that help me not only in public affairs, but in all aspects of my life."

If there is one thing that Kolinski could pass on to others it would be to learn from your experience in any component of the Air Force.

"The truth is that the things that help you excel as an airman, help you excel as a student, an employee, a boss, and as a civilian in general," said Kolinski. "The military provides you with so many opportunities that everyone should take advantage of to help them be a better version of themselves."





In this file photo from 2016, Lt. Col. Dan Nash stands with one of the Air National Guard’s 104th Fighter Wing F-15 Eagles at Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport. Nash was one of two pilots scrambled from Cape Cod’s Otis Air National Guard base to respond on Sept. 11, 2001, as the terror attacks on America unfolded 20 years ago. (GREG SAULMON / THE REPUBLICAN FILE PHOTO)



In this photo from 2016, Air National Guard Maj. Ashley Rolfe made history as the first female fighter pilot in the history of the 104th Fighter Wing at Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport. Rolfe, an Air Force Academy graduate, is a combat veteran of Afghanistan who served in the Air Force on active duty for 11 years. (AIR NATIONAL GUARD PHOTO)

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Six members of the Air National Guard's 104th Fighter Wing participate in a nearly seven-mile ruck march as part of the German Armed Forces proficiency competition at Hanscom Air Force Base on Sept. 12. Pictured, left to right, are: Command Chief Master Sgt. Brett Barbee; Lt. Col. John Desarro, the wing's inspector general; Tech. Sgt. Andrew Lawrence, of the command post; Senior Airman Sara Kolinski, of public affairs; Maj. Sean Cahill, Communications Flight commander; and Airman 1st Class Ivan Villavicencio, a Security Forces member.

(AIR NATIONAL GUARD PHOTOS)

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LINDSEY WATSON**

104th Fighter Wing-Public Affairs

**F**ive members of the 104th Fighter Wing competed alongside 55 other National Guard members from across the state in the German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency competition in September at at Hanscom Air Base.

Depending on their scores, competitors earn the privilege of wearing the gold, silver or bronze badges, one of the few foreign awards that U.S. service members are authorized to wear on their uniforms.

"The (badge competition) provides our airmen with a

special opportunity to demonstrate to our coalition partners our preparedness and proficiency in basic combat knowledge, skills and abilities further strengthening our alliances," said Command Chief Master Sgt. Brett Barbee.

Lt. Col. John Desarro, who serves as the 104th's inspector general, Maj. Sean Cahill, who is commander of the Communications Squadron, Tech. Sgt. Andrew Lawrence, of the command post, Senior Airman Sara Kolinski, a public affairs specialist, and Airman 1st Class Ivan Villavicencio, a member of the security forces, represented the 104th in the competition. The

team had mentors, including Barbee and Tech. Sgt. Shane Coakley, of the security forces, who helped them prepare and coached them during the competition.

"All five members earned a badge and dominated every event (thrown) at each airman," said Coakley. "It is a credit to their 'service before self' and 'excellence in all we do' mindset. It was an honor and pleasure to watch these

warfighters compete for three days."

All five members of the 104 team completed all of the required events and received their proficiency badges. Cahill and Villavicencio received gold, Desarro and Kolinski received silver and Lawrence received bronze. Kolinski also had the record this year for both females and males on the chin-up test and only needed one more shot on the

pistol qualification to qualify for gold.

"I could not be more proud of our five airmen who competed for the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge," said the wing commander Col. Tom 'Sling' Bladen. "Coming together as a team from differing units, they represented exactly what it means to be a Barnestormer... team effort, goal oriented, Battlefield Airman mindset,







Senior Airman Sara Kolinski takes a moment to stop and drink water after completing a nearly seven mile ruck march during the 2020 German Armed Forces Proficiency

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and taking care of one another.”

The airmen trained together during sessions led by their mentors and at home on their own. Section supervisors allowed the airmen flexibility in their schedules to train while still getting the mission done.

“Multiple training sessions were held to familiarize competitors with the events that they would be taking part in during the competition,” said Cahill. “Mentors were assigned to the team and they shared their experience from when they competed in previous years. Administrative and logistical preparation was excellent. Overall, the (wing’s) support for the competitors

was excellent!”

The competition included an 11-by-10-meter sprint test, chin-up test, 1,000-meter run, 100-meter swim in uniform, first aid test, nuclear biological and chemical mission oriented protective posture test, pistol qualification, and a road march wearing a weighted ruck sack.

“My favorite part of the event was the swim and ruck for two reasons,” said Lawrence. “One being the 104th competitors were able to complete those two events together as a group and two they were the more challenging events to compete in which made completing them that much more rewarding.”

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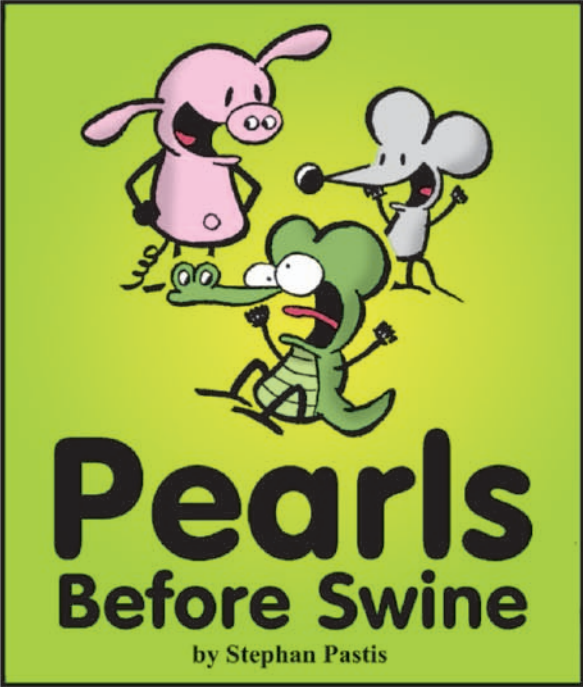
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### Pearls Before Swine

by Stephan Pastis

HEY, PIG. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

HAVING A MEETING OF MY SELF-ESTEEM CLUB. WE HELP EACH OTHER GAIN CONFIDENCE.

WELCOME SELF-ESTEEMERS!

WHO'S IN IT?

WELL, MY FRIEND QUINCY, BUT WE CALL HIM 'Q'. WHEN HE ENTERS, WE ALL SHOUT 'RAH' TO CHEER HIM ON.

THEN THERE'S MY PAL, WILL. HE LIKES TO HEAR PEOPLE SAY 'YES' TO EVERYTHING. BUT HE'S FRENCH, SO WE SAY 'OUI.'

WELL, IF YOU WANT, I CAN HELP GREET THEM WHEN THEY COME IN. TELL ME AGAIN WHAT WE'LL DO WITH EACH OF THEM.

WE WILL 'OUI' WILL, 'RAH' Q.

YOU SHOULD HAVE NO SELF-ESTEEM AT ALL.

CLASSIC PEANUTS By Charles Schulz

HERE'S THE WORLD FAMOUS BEAGLE SCOUT LEADING HIS TROOP ON A NATURE HIKE...

AT THIS POINT, WE WILL SEPARATE ... EACH WILL GO HIS OWN WAY...WE WILL MEET BACK HERE IN FORTY-FIVE MINUTES

THIS WILL TEACH AND PROMOTE SELF-RELIANCE

THAT WAS A SHORT FORTY-FIVE MINUTES!

JUST FOR THAT, WE'RE GOING TO TRY IT AGAIN !!!

AND I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANYONE HANGING AROUND MY FEET!

BLONDIE By Dean Young & John Marshall

BUMSTEAD, I WANT TO...

IN A MINUTE, BOSS. I'VE GOT SOMETHING REAL IMPORTANT I'VE GOT TO DO

WELL, FOR ONE THING, I HEAR YOU'RE A THIEF.

YOU HEARD THAT FROM THE ANONYMOUS SOURCES THAT HAVE NO CREDIBILITY!

WHY WOULD THEY LIE TO ME?

SAME REASON YOU LIE TO ME.

OKAY, THAT MAKES SENSE.

HONEY, MY FIRST CHOICE IS STILL POT ROAST, BUT SHRIMP CREOLE MIGHT BE A NICE CHANGE OF PACE!

DILBERT By Scott Adams

ANONYMOUS SOURCES TELL ME YOU HAVE BEEN STEALING FROM THE COMPANY.

ANONYMOUS SOURCES HAVE NO CREDIBILITY.

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THEY TOLD ME YOU'D SAY.

WHY DO YOU TRUST THEM OVER ME?

WELL, FOR ONE THING, I HEAR YOU'RE A THIEF.

YOU HEARD THAT FROM THE ANONYMOUS SOURCES THAT HAVE NO CREDIBILITY!

WHY WOULD THEY LIE TO ME?

SAME REASON YOU LIE TO ME.

OKAY, THAT MAKES SENSE.

GRAHAM'S FRED BASSET

FETCH, FRED!

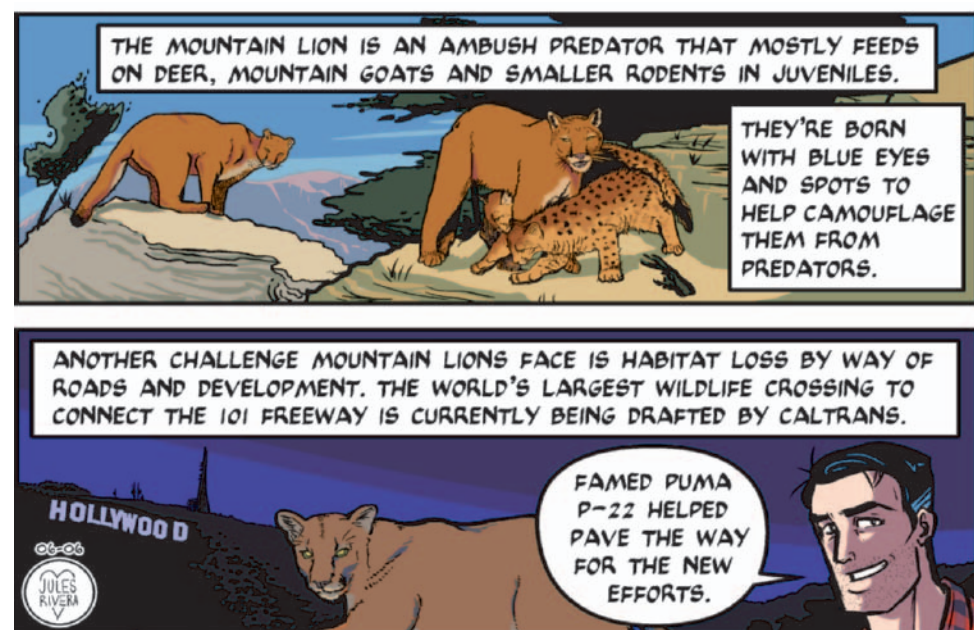
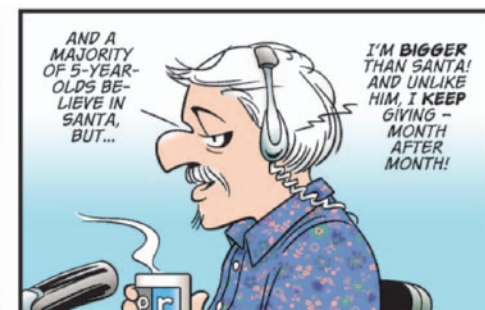
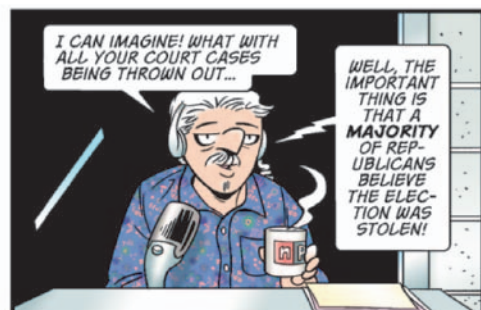
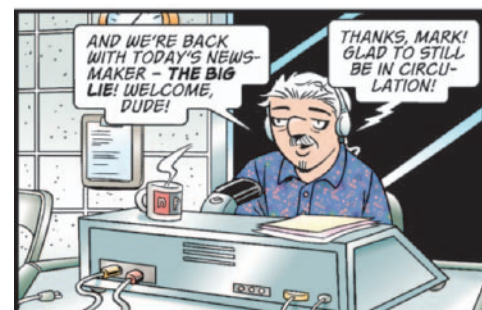
AND AGAIN, FRED!

This game is a bit one-sided—

Minimum effort required on his part!

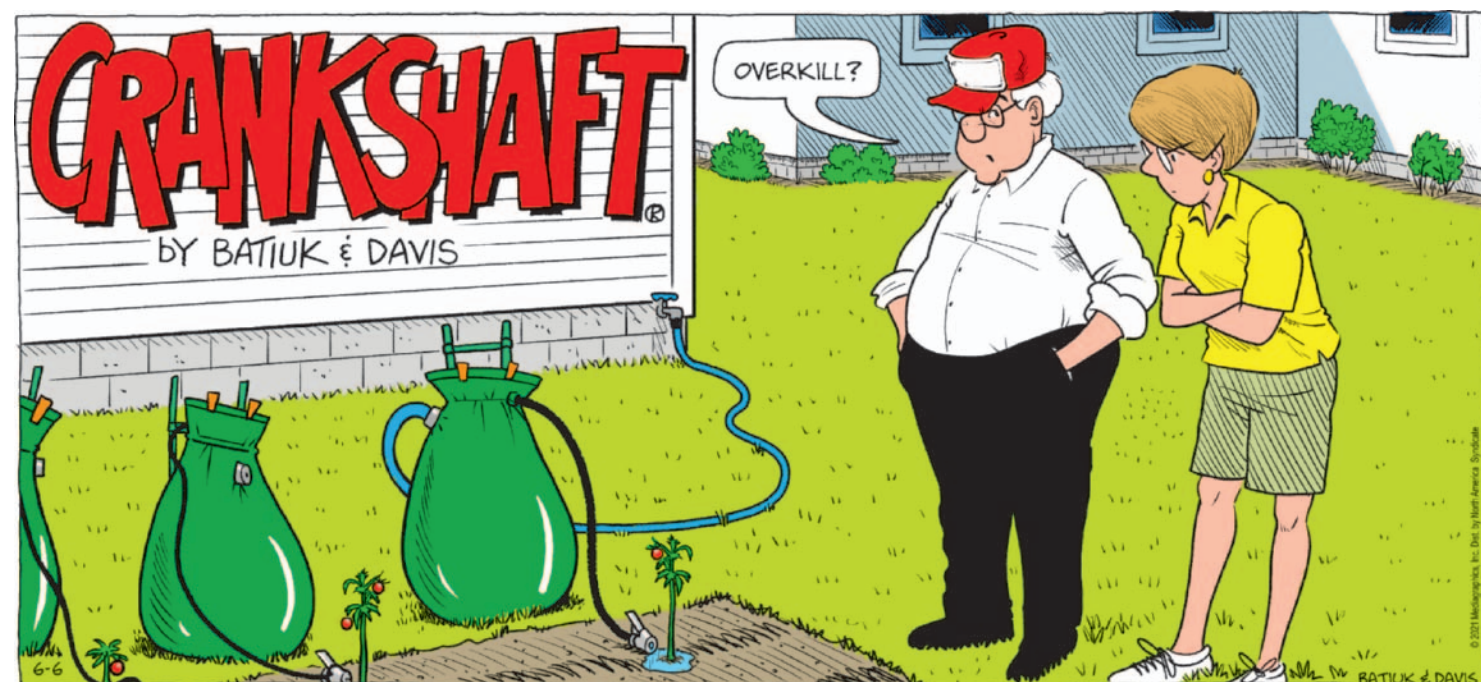


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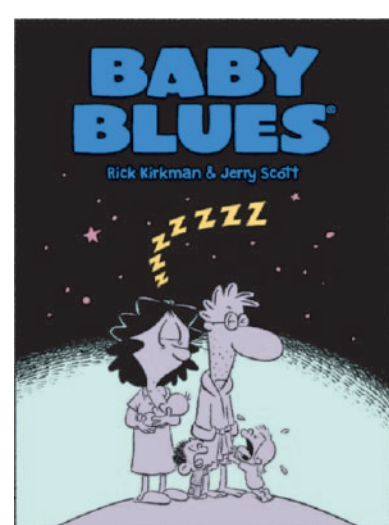
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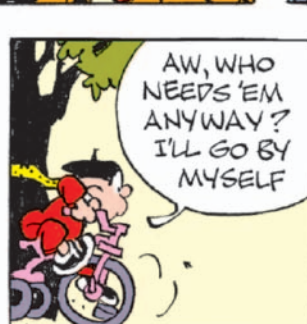
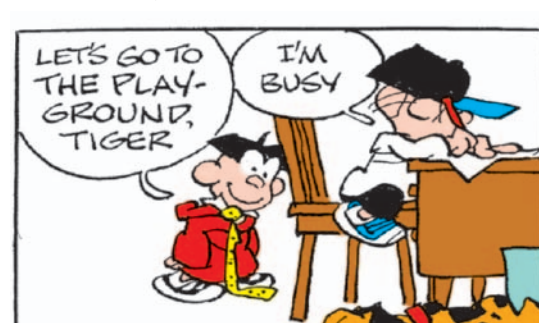
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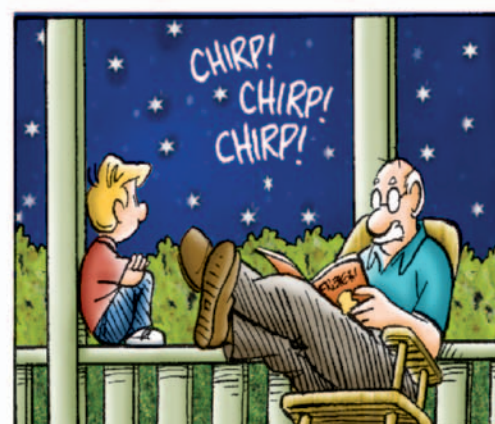


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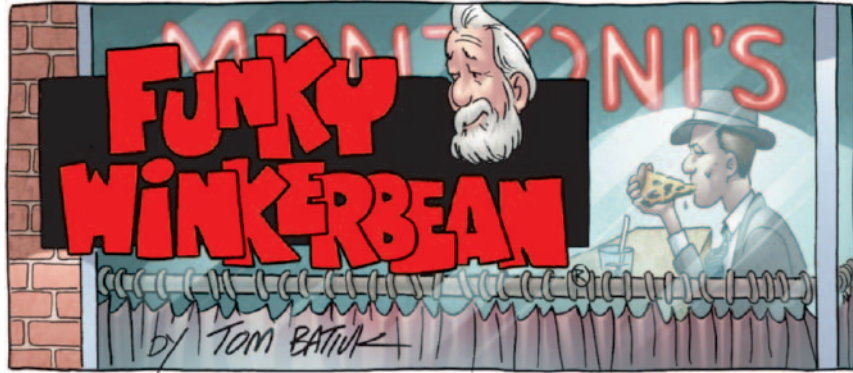
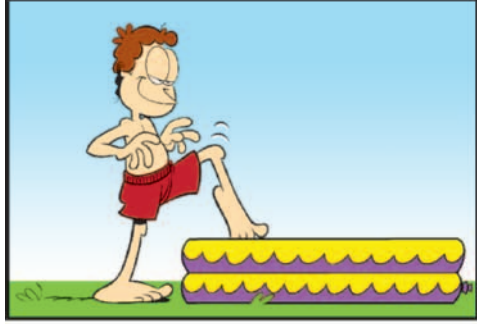
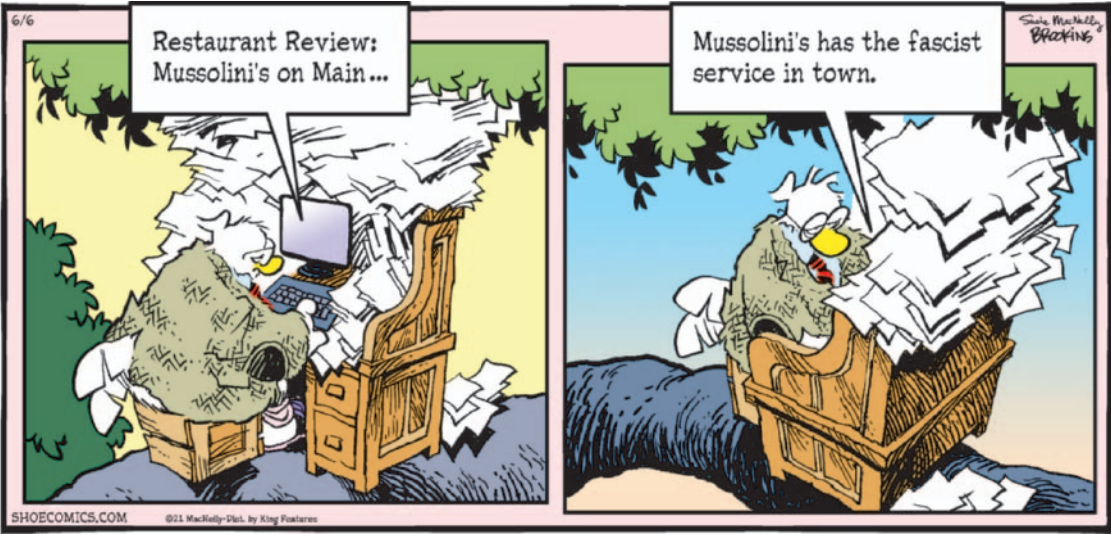
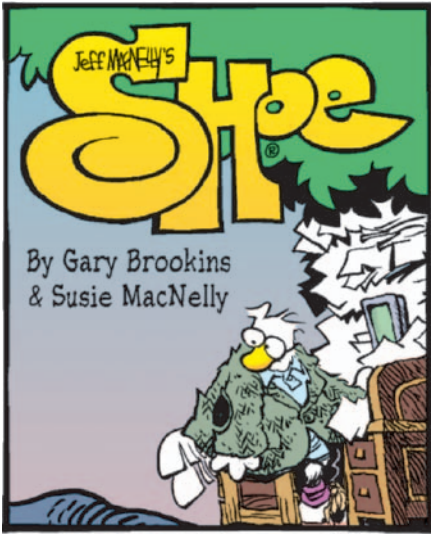


## PICKLES

By Brian Crane







## BEETLE BAILEY



## HI & LOIS



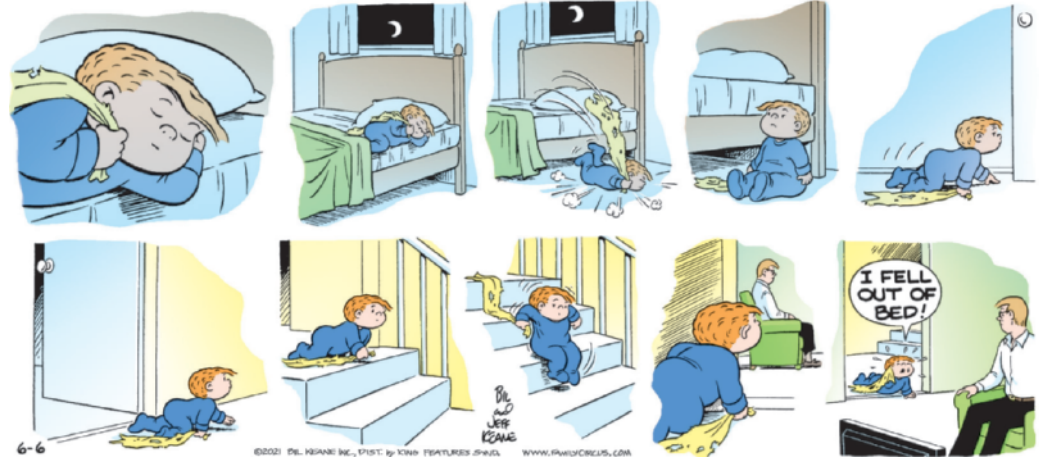
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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS





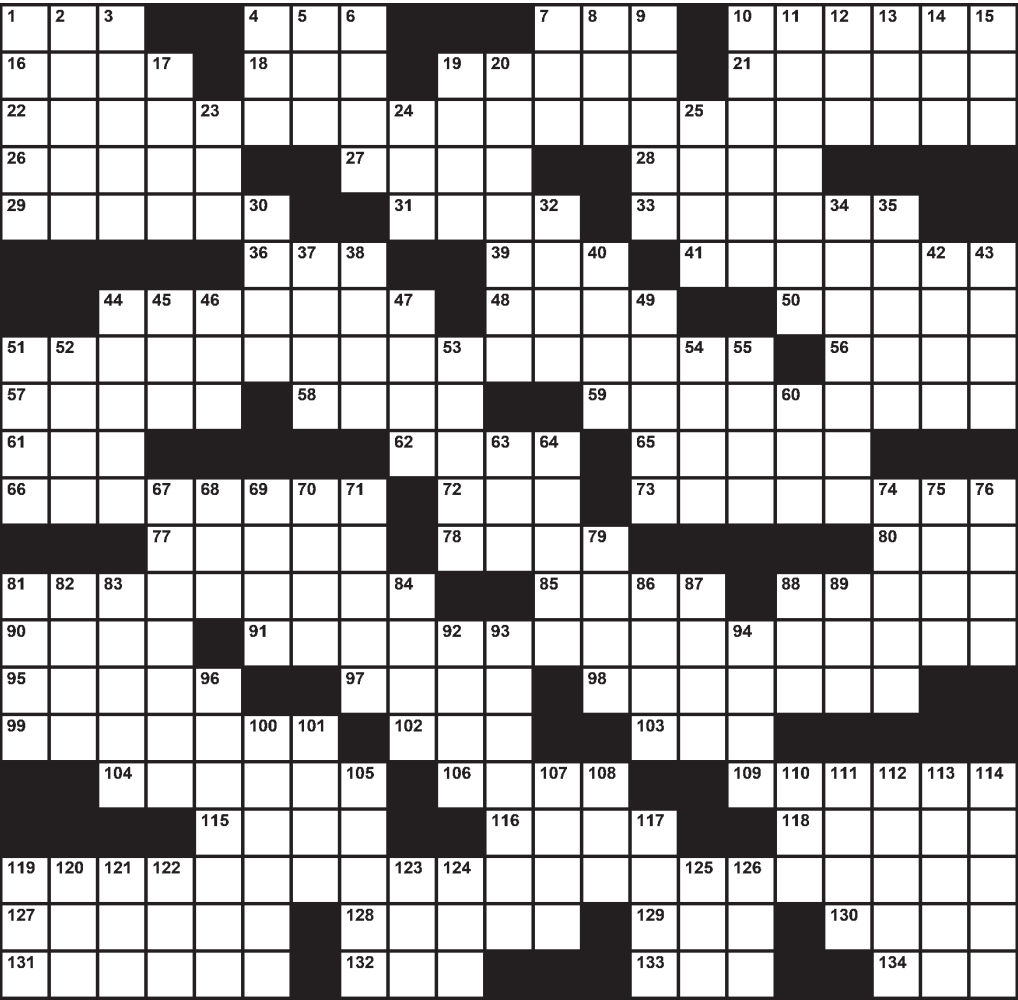
DIAGRAMLESS

By MYLES MELLOR

ACROSS	3 Perched on
1 Ray	4 English marshes
6 Dies (out)	5 Deuce topper
8 When doubled, a Pacific capital	7 In ___ (together)
12 Cash in electronic form	8 Plumber's concern
13 Computer image	9 Land area
14 Sing without singing	10 Busy people
16 Show	11 At the scene
19 Seed containing caffeine	15 Nightclub of song
25 Mysteriously	17 Gr. 1-6, abbr.
26 Central American city	18 Mythical maiden of the woods
27 Come from	20 Limnologists study them
28 With hands on hips	21 True inner self
29 Authorize	22 Identified
34 Like some pros.	23 Rainy day necessities
35 Teensy bit	24 Chinese philosophy
39 Equine animal	30 Butterfinger's cry
40 "Smooth Operator" singer	31 Order
41 Goes with chowder	32 Founded: Abbr.
42 Quarries	33 Holds a grudge
43 Godiva title	35 Like some tea
47 Galway country	36 Spiced stew
48 First bishop of Paris	37 Poi maker's need
52 Read in Paris	38 Popular collectibles
53 Best painted with gloss	44 Helper
54 Billionth: Prefix	45 Sketched
55 The Mideast's Gulf of ___	46 Japanese coins
56 Critical hosp. areas	49 Arrest
60 Type of wave	50 ____ nesia
62 Fixes a hem	51 In order (to)
63 Crocus bulb, e.g.	57 Champagne-bottle seals
64 Spills around	58 Bathsheba's hubby
67 Outcast	59 Trite sentimentality
69 Some votes	61 The Forbidden City
71 Turkey's capital	65 Looks over
72 Soft seat	66 Establishes
75 Disputed Asian region	67 Neighbor of Iran: Abbr.
77 Curtain decorations	68 Mustache material
78 Clear up	70 Note-taker
83 Coin word	73 Jewish mo.
84 Curried cuisine	74 Salinger title character
85 North or South region	76 Super Bowl winning coach, Andy
86 Refrains from	77 Canvas shelters
89 One type of deer food	79 Smooch in London
DOWN	80 River of Brandenburg
1 Won a bee	81 Animated Simpson
2 Sphere opener	82 Vehicles

CROSSWORD

1. Loan figure: Abbr.	95. Shine
4. Quick doze	97. Big guy wrestling
7. Image, for short	98. Next to
10. Whinnies	99. Sonora shawls
16. Dieter's spread, maybe	102. King of boxing
18. A, in Acapulco	103. Second sight, for short
19. 1991 Wimbledon winner Michael	104. Akimbo
21. Detective Stabler's first name on "Law & Order: SVU"	106. Chinese leader?
22. Be very watchful	109. Egg version
26. White-tailed birds	115. West Coast sch.
27. Peruvian city	116. Nought
28. Unaccompanied	118. Search blindly
29. First U.S. space station	119. Jimi Hendrix hit
31. Former Italian coin	127. Regulated consumption
33. Dutch export	128. Not active, chemically
36. Masters holder, briefly	129. Golf club head part
39. Kind of agent	130. Observes
41. Strip	131. Fly
44. Engulfs	132. Math degree
48. Black fruit	133. Hold title to
50. Church doctrine	134. Compass point
51. Become publicly known	Down
56. Looks over	1. Nudges
57. Climber's challenge	2. Office worker
58. Dome	3. Minuscul
59. Lots	4. Order member
61. Afr. nation	5. Director Lee
62. Winter toy	6. Swimming locale
65. Get to final form, 2 words	7. Baked treat
66. They are four in a deck	8. Unhospitably cold
72. J.F.K.'s successor	9. Jewelry holder
73. Responding (to)	10. Katmandu native
77. Kathmandu's land	11. Thomas Gray, notably
78. Kimono sashes	12. Land in l'océan
80. US medical research branch	13. Grissom's first name, on "CSI"
81. Additional unspecified things	14. Break ground
85. Wine county	15. Most-used edition: Abbr.
88. Giant sea mammal	17. Vectra maker
90. Rubberneck	19. Rig on the road
91. Just barely seeing	20. Dictatorial supporter
	23. "Life ___ cabaret ..."
	24. Squat
	25. Style of poker
	30. Fraternal gp.



32. "Last train" singer, Guthrie	53. Response to a ring	82. Something to spin	108. "...man ___ mouse?"
34. Forestall by acting first	54. Superior	83. Old rulers	110. Corp. leadership
35. "Crime and Punishment" heroine	55. Star Wars Jedi	84. Hightail it	111. God with a bow and arrow
37. Swallow	60. French nobleman	86. Alert electronically	112. Home Depot rival
38. Opera highlight	63. Tide action	87. Turkish V.I.P.'s	113. Olympians' blades
40. Comfy spot	64. Islamic spirit	88. Come out on top	114. Succinct
42. I've ___ had!	67. Pooh-pooh	89. "Pinafore" designation	117. German name
43. Web site featuring crafts	68. Astro, Scooby-Doo or Dino, e.g.	92. Med. care providers	119. Cavity fillers' org.
44. Consider appropriate	69. Powerful cartel	93. Gadget used by some allergy sufferers	120. Tyler of "The Lord of the Rings"
45. Spider is one	70. Reid of "American Pie"	94. Certain surgery, for short	121. Hawaiian neckwear
46. Band of radio frequencies	71. Crib parts	96. Ornamental shoulder piece	122. Words before time or loss
47. Certain NCO's	74. Unsuitable	100. Make unreadable, for security	123. Blast maker
49. Trimmer	75. Ciphers	101. Diagnostic test	124. Laugh sound
51. Card game	76. Clarified butter of India	105. Chicago suburb	125. Farm animal
52. Vogue competitor	79. Long tale	107. Amphibian	126. Barnyard pecker
	81. Sponge cake ingredient		

QUOTE-ACROSTIC

HOW TO SOLVE: Define clues in Words column. Transfer letters to diagram. Quotation reads across; first letters of Words column form acrostic of speaker's name and topic.

CLUES	WORDS
A. Nevertheless: 3 wds.	35 132 124 22 154 105 53 139 87 60 146
B. All talk, no do: 2 wds.	128 54 165 32 104 16 11 95 63 75
C. Freud's 'desire to create life'	17 58 129 163
D. His statue lived	46 88 111 150 126 20 3 134 70
E. Smarts	74 152 1 49 24 13 120 66
F. Portion	96 115 76 4 57 31 142
G. Get a Life guy	72 141 48 29 36 127 15
H. Within the organization	160 130 71 41 108 94 138 100 147 81
I. Get-together?	109 34 18 143 40 122 65 85
J. He busted the N.Y. mob	133 69 37 26 157 117 90 51
K. Make concrete	2 131 137 84 30 92 61 39 168
L. WWII Pacific plan: hypth.	89 14 64 25 123 110 159 99 44
M. Defined dissemination	149 164 8 38 45 116 27 106 86 140
N. Go all over	162 125 7 55 145 79 167 112 43
O. Insubstantial	6 121 155 67 80 56
P. Large	114 47 103 153 93 52 82 12
Q. Intensive	118 97 78 148 23 156 5
R. Undecided	9 68 135 98 28 151

Today's QUOTE-ACROSTIC answer: J(oseph) I. EPSTEIN: GOING FORWARD: Going forward is the political cliché du jour first popularized by criminally tainted star athletes saying, 'Time to forget that and go forward.' Translation: 'Bug off. Just let me earn my astonishing salary.'					
A. Just the same	E. Sagacity	I. Nuptials	M. Narrowcast	Q. Roaring	U. Distaff
B. Idle threat	F. Tranche	J. Giuliani	N. Globetrot	R. Waffly	
C. Eros	G. Elliott	K. Objectify	O. Frothy	S. Angstom	
D. Pygmalion	H. Intramural	L. Island-hop	P. Outsized	T. Redding	

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

LORALD  
LUNFEG  
TNRAYO  
MSAYUL  
DSUBAR  
SUCACE

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CRYPTOGRAMS

- U R V G S J U K N T C M W ' A C N Z G  
D N T B N J G A E S W U M N J U I E A  
W N V , S W M D G A U L W N V U V U C C  
A N B N J J N V . L e o C h r i s t o p h e r
- D V P W T P W N M X E M H T K K Q Z F K  
O B O T K . I U K O F P W N M X E M H T K -  
K Q Z F K O Z R K K Q . L K P W N B P D V  
E M H T K K Q Z F K O R P Y K . A n o n

LAST WEEK'S CRYPTOGRAMS

- The best way to protect your future is to create it. Abraham Lincoln
- Let's put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children. Sitting Bull

WHATZIT?



CHALLENGER

DIRECTIONS:  
Fill each square with a number, one through nine.  
• Horizontal squares should add to the totals on right.  
• Vertical squares should add to the totals on bottom.  
• Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

6-6  
25  
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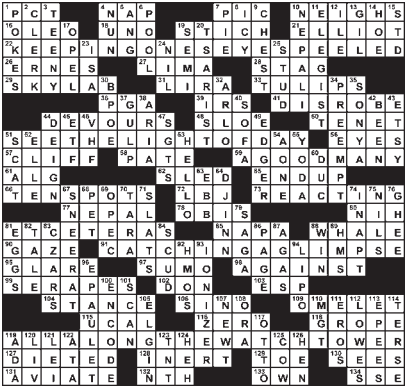
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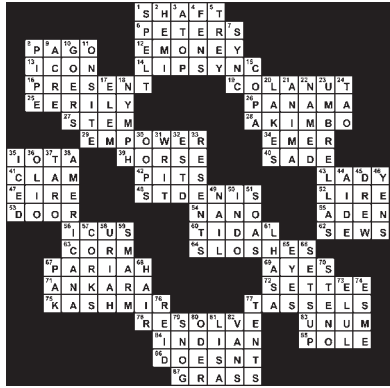
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TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN  
Directions: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters on each yardline. Add points to each word or letter using scoring directions. Seven-letter words get a 10-point bonus. All words can be found in Webster's New World College Dictionary.

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SOLUTIONS



Today's Crossword



Today's Diagramless

Whatzit?

- 1. Full-grown
- 2. Clothesline

Challenger

solution				6-6	25
7	8	6	7		28
4	5	2	8		19
9	8	3	6		26
8	7	9	2		26
28	28	20	23		17

JUMBLE

Answer:  
DOLLAR NOTARY ABSURD  
ENGULF ASYLUM ACCUSE

It was easy for them to leave on time because everyone was —  
ALREADY  
ALL READY

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F U N N I E S  
W A L T Z  
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1st DOWN = 62  
2nd DOWN = 22  
3rd DOWN = 85  
4th DOWN = 77  
BONUS DOWN = 17

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